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THE AMERICAN STRIKES.

CHICAGO, April 13.

The District Attorney has informed the strike leaders that if strikers do not return the Government would support the managements in discharging the men.

A GERMAN INCIDENT.

BERLIN, April 13.

The *Tages Zeitung* says the ex-Kaiserin is dying. A sentry shot and killed an American, De Mott, who was attempting to escape from prison at Wesel, where he was awaiting death sentence. The *Freiheit* denounces it as "murder by soldiery who were afraid of the annulment of the death sentence."

CHEERS.

LONDON, April 13.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Clynes, Mr. Bonar Law emphasised the conditions in Ireland where murder was so rife that it necessitated arrests on suspicion in order to protect the peoples' lives. The government felt it their duty to continue the practice. (cheers) But this would be futile if the men were released because they refused food. (cheers.) Suicides in these circumstances would be very deplorable, but to give the impression that political action in the House of Commons might alter the decision of the government was likely to increase the danger.

U.S. RAILROAD STRIKE.

NEW YORK, April 13.

Whilst the railway strike appears to be dying down in the middlewest, the situation in the east and south has worsened. The number of strikers has increased, causing a serious stoppage of traffic and closing down of ndustries depending on the railways. Conditions in New York have worsened owing to a decrease in arrivals of food supplies. Townspeople in many places are volunteering assistance.

IRELAND'S STRIKE.

LONDON, April 13.

The strike stoppage in Ireland is more serious than was anticipated. Instead of lasting one day it will continue till the prisoners are released. Railway and other transport is practically at a standstill. The streets of Dublin are crowded with an idle procession. A thousand postmen closed the doors of the post office and prevented their reopening. They did not interfere with the telegraphs. The trade unions in Belfast and north Ireland ignored the order to strike.

LONDON, April 13.

Owing to the gathering crowd at Mountjoy, the Dublin military guard has been reinforced with three tanks and several armoured cars. Barbed wire is erected.

In the House of Commons at adjournment the Irish Attorney-General stated that the general strike was substantially operative in the south and west but not in the north of Ireland. The railway west and south were not working, but were practically normal on the Great Northern railway. A substantial number of post officials had struck but a number of post offices in Dublin were working. The ordinary business of Dublin was upheld, though a great many hotels and shops were closed. He hoped the evening's debate would clear the air, tending to bring to an end the drifting toward worse trouble. The Irish government were most anxious for this.

MORE JOBS FOR OFFICERS.

PARIS, April 13.

An important conference was held last night with regard to technical means of securing the carrying out of the provisions of the treaty of Versailles, especially as regards delivery and destruction of German war material, especially artillery. Messrs. Churchill, Lefevre (French war minister) Foch and Weygand were present. Complete agreement was reached on all points of principle; also with regard to the necessity of increasing the number of French and British officers employed on this work by the inter-allied control commission in Germany.

SHIPPING NOTES.

DELAYED SAILINGS.

The s.s. "Hwah Ping," of the China and Australia s.s. Co., has had its date of departure from Hongkong deferred from Saturday, the 17th, until Monday, April 19th.

The British India Steam Navigation Company, Limited, Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company, Hongkong, managing agents, announce that the s.s. "Dilwara," 5,378 gross tons, originally intended to leave this port to-day, has been delayed at Shanghai by reason of minor damages sustained in a collision, which are being repaired. The "Dilwara" is expected to arrive at Hongkong to-day, and will leave this port, it is expected, on Tuesday, April 20th.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BISHOP AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

[*To the Editor of the "China Mail."*]

Sir,—May I, through your columns, announce to any whom it may concern, and especially to the congregation of St. John's Cathedral, that special collections will be made at the morning and evening Services on Sunday next, on behalf of the dependants of the two Chinese workmen who, while building the Church Hall, were killed last week by the landslide. There is no Employers' Liability Act in force here, but I am told that Chinese Contractors usually give about $30 compensation for the life of a man!

I need not say that a Christian congregation will desire to act upon a very different standard.—I am, yours, etc.,

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SUMMARY COURT.

In the Summary Court yesterday afternoon before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, an action was heard in which the Po Hing firm, of 96 Bonham Street, sued Chun Chung of 565 Queen's Road Central for the return of $490.20 being money deposited with the defendant, or, in the alternative, for money lent by the plaintiff to the defendant on January 12, 1918.

The case first came before the Court a few weeks ago, being adjourned in order that argument on legal points might be heard. At the first hearing it was stated that the plaintiff remitted the money to the defendant who was in Calcutta. The latter received the money from the bank and handed it to another man, who bought opium. It was at first stated that the money was for the purchase of marine delicacies. The defendant admitted receiving the money but the question of the legality of the contract was raised.

Yesterday Mr. C. F. Mason, for the plaintiff, opened on the legal aspect of the case. He argued that although the money was for an illegal contract he was entitled to recover it.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, who appeared for the defendant, said the money had been deposited by the plaintiff with the defendant on the understanding that the latter should purchase opium with it and smuggle it into the Colony. He submitted that the contract was illegal and therefore void. His friend instead of arguing on the illegality of the venture tried to prove that it was an executory contract. He, Mr. Almada, would prove that where a contract was illegal, money lent for the purpose could not be recovered. Mr. Almada then proceeded to quote authorities, reading Halsbury part 4 par. 809 as follows" A contract is illegal where the subject matter of the promise is illegal. A contract which is on the face of it perfectly legal may yet be an illegal contract, if the purpose for which it is made is illegal—for instance, where it forms part of a transaction the object of which is illegal. Thus money lent for an illegal purpose cannot be recovered after such purpose has been wholly or partially carried out and no action lies to recover money paid at the request of another in pursuance of an illegal purpose."

Mr. Mason said he admitted that the contract was illegal whereupon Mr. Almada submitted that the plaintiff should be non-suited.

His Worship, in giving judgment for defendant, said it was agreed that the money was paid in pursuance of a joint enterprise. The defendant went to Calcutta there intending to purchase goods and it was alleged that there he handed the money to an agent. His Lordship was prepared to accept that statement. He found that the money was not deposited by the plaintiff with the defendant nor was it money loaned to the defendant.

HEROIC SON.

AN "UNWORTHY" FATHER.

At Willesden, Jim Joy, 306, Chapter-road, Willesden-green, was summoned by his eldest son, also Jim Joy, 254, Chapter-road, for arrears of maintenance due to complainant's late mother, Catherine Joy. The case has been before the Court for a long time; but it has been repeatedly adjourned owing to the ill-health of the defendant's wife, who died lately. When Mrs. Joy was present on previous occasions, she was accompanied by her son, who, although only 18 years of age, closely watched her interests and tenderly shielded her from the fatigue of conducting her own case.

It was now stated that since her death the lad, with the friendly help of neighbours, had personally looked after his seven brothers and sisters. He told the Bench that he sued his father for the arrears in the name of his dead mother, so that he might continue to shoulder the responsibilities of maintaining the family.

The magistrate (Mr. W. B. Luke) pointed out that this was not only an impossible task for him to accomplish at his age, but the law gave him no legal right to recover the maintenance arrears from his father.

The court missionaries said they had completed arrangements for the care of the children. They would, unfortunately have to be divided, but Jim would at any time have full access to all his brothers and sisters.

Mr. Luke (addressing the father): "You have a son of whom any man might well be proud: but you are not worthy of being the father of such a boy."

At the conclusion of the case, and after the summons had been dismissed, the boy Jim was quite overcome with emotion. As the father left the court the occupants of the public gallery rose to their feet and hissed him loudly.

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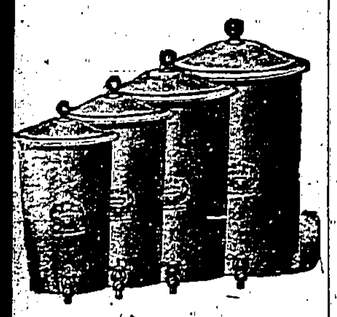
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JAPAN AND SOUTH AMERICA.

JAPANESE GOODS IN RIVER PLATE MARKETS.

The *Times* correspondent of Buenos Aires writes:—

When Japanese merchants first realized that one of the results of the war was to lend special importance to the all-sea route *via* the Cape, their attention turned, as a matter of course to the Argentine market. Everything combined to favour their entry into a field that, if not wholly new to them, was in 1914 of very small importance.

Direct shipping under their own flag, a reasonable certainty of return cargoes, and adequate banking accommodation over which they had full control—these were the factors that served at the outset to place Japanese trade with the Plate on its present footing. What the future has in store cannot alter the actual situation, which is sufficiently interesting to warrant greater publicity in commercial circles at home. At the moment of writing, Japanese shipowners and merchants engaged in selling to Argentina are evidently reaping the reward of their painstaking efforts to spread their foreign trade in this particular part of the world.

The first completed year of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in Buenos Aires, signalized by the issue of a full report with statistical extracts compiled from the official Argentine returns, gives clear indication of successful effort, while a superficial glance at the manifests of Japanese steamers consigned to the Plate supplements the bare ciphers, and enables one to visualize to some extent the nascent trade. In the following little table imports and exports are set forth, the figures representing the Customs tariff values of the goods, which from 1919 onward may be doubled at the very least if market prices are required.

Year.	Arg. Imports from Japan. $ gold Arg.	Arg. Exports to Japan. $ gold Arg.
1912.....	774,885	Nil
1913.....	868,240	117,945
1914.....	487,094	Nil
1915.....	817,694	Nil
1916.....	1,182,313	Nil
1917.....	1,610,507	2,110,596
1918.....	5,037,707	4,698,000

That these are, in the circumstances, striking figures needs no insistence, especially when it is remembered that all the goods they represent have come direct from the Japanese producer to the Argentine consumer by Japanese channels.

KIND OF GOODS IMPORTED.

What manner of goods these are is best realized by making a rough analysis of a Japanese steamer's manifest, the vessel arriving at the port of Buenos Aires during the week in which this article was written. There are 208 separate shipments from Yokohama, 6 from Tokyo via Yokohama, 14 from Osaka, and 62 from Kobe. Then, in addition, one finds transhipment cargo via Japanese ports from Tientsin (jute), Sydney, and Nagoya, with direct cargo from Hongkong Singapore, and Colombo, Durban, and Delagoa Bay. Two thousand five hundred tons of coal for one of the Anglo-Argentine railway companies was the cargo from this last-named port, while fruit (bananas chiefly) and coffee were taken aboard at Santos and Rio do Janeiro consigned to Buenos Aires.

It is, however, when one comes to study the class of goods now being sold freely in Argentina by Japanese merchants that one realizes the scope and possibilities of the trade. Incidentally, such study also throws a light on the extent to which the war has left the Argentine consumer bare of supplies, if by "consumer" one understands not only the actual and individual user of any given article, but also the local retailer and distributor in the interior. Silks and cotton goods, in comparatively small lots ranging from one case to half a dozen, predominate, with porcelain, electrical wire, and electrical sundries, brushes, glass bottles, and bazaar goods in large numbers. Buttons, celluloid fancy goods, chemicals, rubber goods, watches, optical glasses, and surgical instruments also figure on the long list; together with much merchandise considered more essentially Japanese, such as fine straw matting, straw slippers, lacquer boxes, curiosities, netsuke, and so forth.

LARGE REPEAT ORDER.

Now, while many of these goods may not be quite on a par with European articles designed to the same end, there is no getting away from the fact that at the present they serve their purpose, and are by comparison cheap, at any rate under current conditions. Moreover, it is noticeable that the buyers in many cases are repeating previous orders on a very much larger scale, and that more than one big firm in Buenos Aires, including the most important general store in the city, has deemed it worth while to send special representatives to Japan to select merchandise for this market, the same being shipped through established Japanese houses having direct connection with Argentina.

There have been a few complaints concerning quality, measure, or packing, but it is only fair to admit that these have not been as frequent or as serious, proportionately considered, as might have been expected. It must also be remembered—and this is a fact of general application—that on a falling market, such as was experienced in the first quarter of 1919, many firms who in the ordinary course of trade would be considered quite respectable and honest in their dealings, rejected goods on the most frivolous pretexts, often, be it said, to their later regret, seeing that prices are to-day easily 20 per cent. higher than they were at that time.

SCRAPPING A £3,500 FILM.

PRODUCER'S LAW SUIT—AMUSING EVIDENCE.

A cinematograph adaptation of Tom Gallon's novel, "The Lackey and the Lady," and an announcement made regarding it at a "trade" show on March 6 last year, were the subjects of an action for damages for slander brought by Mr. Thomas Bentley, film producer, against Mr. Boam, film renter, before the Lord Chief Justice and a special jury in the King's Bench Division. Mr. Boam, managing director of the Phillips Film Company (Ltd.), did not admit that he spoke the words, but added that if he did he spoke them on a privileged occasion. In another plea he said the words were true.

"RUIN TO MR. BENTLEY."

Mr. Douglas Hogg, K.C., who appeared for the plaintiff, said that after being delayed by a snowstorm early last year the film called "The Lackey and the Lady" was ready for production. At a dinner to employees and trade representatives just before the "trade" show of the film Mr. Boam announced that they would be hearing something in the next few days that would surprise them, and would give the trade Press something to write about.

On March 6 the trade show was to be given. The band began to play and the people assembled. When the time came for the film to be exhibited Mr. Boam mounted the platform and announced that "The Lackey and the Lady" would not be shown, and that another film would be given in its place. The sole reason, he said, for the statement that "The Lackey and the Lady" would not be shown was that it was not considered good enough to place before the audience. In making that statement, he added that no reflection was thrown on the British Actors's Film Company (with which Mr. Bentley was connected). He further said that they had agreed to scrap it, although between £3,000 and £4,000 had been spent on the production.

This statement meant ruin to Mr. Bentley, who was on the point of entering into an agreement with the London Film Company. That was broken off the next day, and from that day to November last, he was not able to produce a single play. For the time being, Mr. Boam's announcement killed Mr. Bentley's reputation.

The plaintiff gave evidence, and was cross-examined by Mr. Patrick Hastings, K.C.

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE SECOND GYMKHANA MEETING OF THE SEASON will be held at HAPPY VALLEY

TO-MORROW

(SATURDAY) the 17th instant, commencing at 3.30 P.M.

The Charge of Admission will be $1.00 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club or Gymkhana Club.

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Hongkong, April 10, 1920.

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NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of MR. JOHN WHYTE COOPER BONNAR in our Firm ceased on 31st March, 1920.

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Hongkong, April 12, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE NATIONAL BENEFIT ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

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Prince's Buildings, Hongkong, April 10, 1920.

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

MATRICULATION, SENIOR AND JUNIOR LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that these examinations will commence on MONDAY, JULY 12th, 1920.

Forms of entry and all particulars can be obtained on application to the "Registrar, The University, Hongkong."

Each entry form, duly filled in, must reach the Registrar, together with the fee (Ten dollars, Hongkong Currency) on or before 3rd, May 1920.

The following Scholarships will be awarded on the results of the Matriculation Examination, provided that candidates of sufficient merit offer themselves.

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Candidates who secure a King Edward VII or President's Scholarship must enter the University on the day on which the University session opens and must reside in one of the hostels directly managed by the University.

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INTIMATIONS.

RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET.

By virtue of Russian National Laws promulgated by the former Imperial Government and not abrogated by any of the successive Russian Provisional Governments, every Russian enterprise or company is bound to have its Head Office or Board of Directors within the boundaries of the State. On the ground of these Laws, and in conformity with the constitution of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, the Provisional Government—PRIMORSKAYA ZEMSKAYA UPRAVA—(The Zemstvo of the Littoral Provinces) on the 25th day of March, 1920, established the Board of Directors of the Russian Volunteer Fleet with a temporary seat in Vladivostock (Decree No. 167).

Mr. A. V. Prigarin, the known Promoter of the ALL-RUSSIAN ZEMSTVO CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS, has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, and Captain D. A. Lukhmanoff, Russian Volunteer Fleet Agent at Nagasaki, has been nominated General Manager of the Russian Volunteer Fleet for the Far East, and Executive Director of the above-mentioned Board. (Ordinances of the Provisional Government Nos. 167 and 71, dated March 25, 1920).

With the establishment of the legal Board of Directors within Russia, the former Board, which expatriated themselves, taking seat in Constantinople and since acted arbitrarily at their own discretion, and with unjustifiable irresponsibility before the State, is declared invalid by the Provisional Government.

The right and capacity of all Russian Volunteer Fleet Representatives abroad, acting on behalf of the above departriated Board, would not be recognized by the present legal Board at Vladivostock, and the Russian Volunteer Fleet, as a National Establishment, would not hold any responsibility for their acts after this declaration.

All banks, concerns, and individuals standing in business connection with the Russian Volunteer Fleet, are hereby earnestly warned not to pay any amounts owed by them to the Russian Volunteer Fleet, to the Representatives not furnished with the authorization of the Board of Directors at Vladivostock.

All particulars concerning the legality of the Russian Volunteer Fleet Representatives abroad can be obtained from the Board of Directors at Vladivostock on application.

CAPT. D. A. LUKHMANOFF, Executive Director of the Board.

RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Mr. N. D. Fedoroff, Russian Volunteer Fleet Agent at Tsuruga, acting Agent for Central Japan, by virtue of Art. 54 of the Constitution of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, is discharged from his office by the Board of Directors of the Russian Volunteer Fleet.

The dismissal of Mr. N. D. Fedoroff has been legalized by the Minister of Trade and Industry of the Provisional Government (The Zemstvo of the Littoral provinces).

In consequence of this, the Russian Volunteer Fleet warns all banks, concerns, and individuals against Mr. N. D. Fedoroff's acts on behalf of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, for which acts the Russian Volunteer Fleet would not bear any responsibility after this announcement.

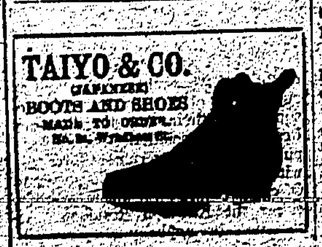
On all questions arising from the contracts, agreements, obligations, etc., already signed by Mr. N. D. Fedoroff, as the Representative of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, the parties interested are invited to apply at once to the duly authorized Executive Director of the Board of Directors of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, Capt. D. A. Lukhmanoff, care of Nagasaki Agency of the Russian Volunteer Fleet. (Address: Ours Bund No. 4, Nagasaki).

CAPT. D. A. LUKHMANOFF, Executive Director, Board of Directors of The Russian Volunteer Fleet.

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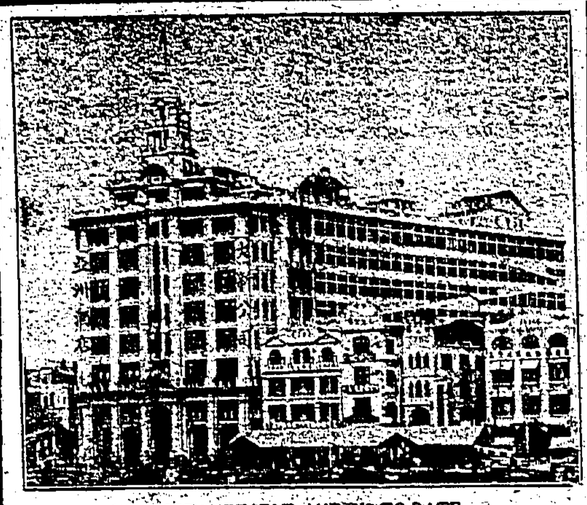
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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship, "TOYOOKA MARU," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 20th April, 1920, will be subject to rent.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, April 14, 1920.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SCANDINAVIA.

THE Motorship "SIAM," having arrived from the above ports on the 15th April, 1920, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Consignees will be required to sign General Average Bond and pay General Average Deposit of 10% of the value of their cargo prior to obtaining delivery.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd April 1920, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 21st April 1920, at 10 a.m.

Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Messrs. THORSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 15, 1920.

THE MACAO BOUNDARY QUESTION.

MACAO GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO FOREGO ALL EXPENSES IF DECISION IS IN FAVOUR OF CHINA.

According to our informant Mr. Liang Lan-hsuan, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs of the Kwong Tung Government, was some time ago instructed by the Military Government to investigate the boundary line between the Portuguese territory in Macao, and the Chinese territory; and to map out the line of demarcation. Mr. Liang has stated that this is not an insignificant matter, and nothing effective can be done until China is reunited and a representative from the Peking Government is sent to supervise the work. He said he has received a request from the Governor of Macao for permission to resume work in filling the tide flats near Ching-chow, and in case the decision for determining the rightful owner of those flats is in favour of China, the Macao Government is willing to forego the claim of expenses for reclaiming the flats. The reason given for filling in the tide flats near Ching-chow is that the Macao Government desires to deepen the Macao harbour in order to facilitate the entrance of ships into that Port otherwise it is always necessary to wait until high tide. As they find no other place to dump the soil, they utilize it to fill in these flats.

Some time ago Mr. Liang asked the Portuguese Consul to furnish him with all the particulars relating to filling of the tide flats, and to send him a map of the territory, and an explanation why encroachment was made upon Chinese territory. Hitherto no reply has been received from the Portuguese Consul.—*Canton Times.*

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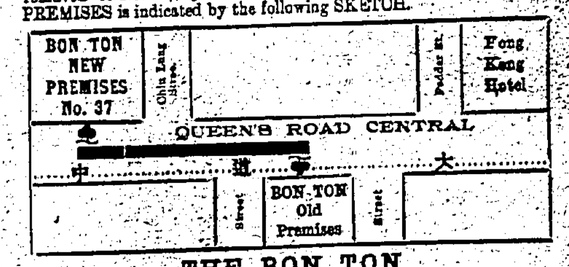
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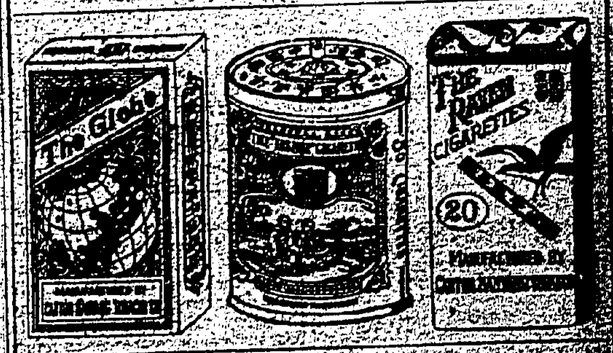
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The China Mail.
"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."
HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1920.

THE STRIKE.

The difficulty in obtaining facts and useful data in Hongkong is now generally recognized. We need say no more about that. It has been suggested to us that we might obtain some information by watching the *Canton Times*, presumed to be in touch with the workers who have gone to that city, or at least informed of their doings. Thanking our friend for the hint, we have studied that journal. We fear the advantage thereof is doubtful.

On Thursday it states that "five thousand mechanics from Hongkong have come to Canton." We do not contradict that, because we have no evidence to warrant the contradiction. The number greatly surprises us. It inspires strong doubt. It destroys our confidence in the value of any other statements that may follow. Thus: "Five hundred of them are staying at the headquarters of the Mechanics Union; some are visiting their friends and relatives in the country, and others have already found employment in the many worshops and factories in the city."

The words "some" and "others" seem insufficient to account for fifteen hundred men.

The *Canton Times* states that: "The cost of living in Hongkong has risen to such an extent that it is impossible for the men to live and to provide a margin for contingencies and debts. From our knowledge, the increase in the cost of living in Hongkong has gone up at least forty per cent. of what it used to be: for example, the high prices of rice prevailing and the high rentals, in Hongkong. It is argued that for the last ten years the men in the three Hongkong docks have not received any increase in their wages, while the foreign staff have had their salaries increased from twenty to thirty per cent. besides being allowed quarters free and provided with a Provident Fund. None of these advantages go to the Chinese mechanics, although they have undoubtedly been the means to provide the profits of the employers and the general improvement of the conditions of the foreign staff." If it be true that the cost of living here has gone up at least forty per cent., then the men's demand for a 40 per cent. rise is justified. All depends on that "if." This is why we have urged, and still maintain, that the first issue of the dispute has not yet been properly raised, the question of paramount importance has not yet been answered. We must enquire if the department for Chinese Affairs has collected any evidence on this point, the cost of Chinese living, as an index to the proper level of the living wage which is their due.

There is a "report" of an offer by the dock companies—of 30 per cent. for the fitters and 20 per cent. for the foremen—for which the *Canton Times* is not, of course, responsible. In the absence of authenticated information from the Dock companies, we cannot tell whether it is true or not. At present, on information received, we doubt it.

An ex-executive member of the Mechanics' Union is said to have said that the men would agree to a 40 per cent. increase for the fitters, and 30 per cent. for the foremen. This has probability.

Against anything less they will "stand firm." This also is probable.

Here is another statement by our Canton contemporary which we may quote without comment: "The Mechanics' Union is, we understand, backed up by local guilds with subscriptions. It is also receiving financial help from the Chinese Engineers' Institute in Hongkong, affiliated associations in Singapore, Tongking and other ports. The Union has seventy thousand dollars as a reserve fund providing for a contingency of this kind, and is disposed to use this money to assist the strikers in obtaining their demands."

The paper further states that there is ample employment in Canton and Fatshan for the strikers—a statement already advanced in the *China Mail*, but contradicted by one of the other papers. If the *Canton Times* believes there is ample employment for 5,000 men, it may easily be true that there is enough for the smaller number that was in our mind.

Finally, our Canton contemporary prophesies that the strike will last for "seven months." We hope not. We hope that long before that the Government will have discovered what is fair, and that they will bring pressure to bear upon such companies as refuse to accept their finding.

Two new Launches are being built for the "WALLA-WALLA" fleet. 'Phone No. 3516.

SPECIAL CABLE.

THE FUTURE OF MALAYA.

[*China Mail* SPECIAL.]

SINGAPORE, April 15.

The High Commissioner, Sir L. Guillemard, outlining the policy for the Federated States of Malaya, foreshadowed large expenditure in new works. Arrears due to the war must be made up.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 4s. 7¾d.

A meeting of Messrs. Gande Price & Co., takes place to-morrow at noon.

The second meeting of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club is to be held at Happy Valley to-morrow commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Golfing members of the K.C.C. have dinner at the Palace Hotel to-morrow night.

Tea and dinner dances are being held at the Repulse Bay Hotel to-morrow, and orchestral concerts on Sunday.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending April 3rd 1920, amounted to 86,946 tons and the sales during the period to 76,972 tons.

The Coronet has a new Pollard farce now running that forces laughter from the most austere. Its big picture, Mannister's Revenges, as it might be called, has some wonderful photography. The plot seems to have been suggested by a Dumas story. A very satisfactory bill.

The driver of a ricsha reports that while he was pulling a fare in the direction of Wanchai, at 5.30 p.m., yesterday, motor car No. 178 collided with his vehicle outside the gates of H. M. Naval Dockyard, smashing the ricsha, and causing injuries to the passenger, necessitating his removal to the hospital.

A Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. R. O. Hutchison with the theft of a piece of canvas from the s.s. "Burma Maru" yesterday. He denied the charge. After evidence had been entered into to the effect that the defendant and four other men were seen removing the canvas, and chased whereupon they jumped into the sea, and the defendant was "fished" out together with the canvas, sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed.

The two Chinese who were yesterday remanded on charges of theft of a diamond ring valued at $300, the property of Mrs. G W. C. Burnett, of 33 The Peak, were again before Mr. R. O. Hutchison, at the Magistracy this morning. As the Police could produce no evidence except against the one defendant who admitted possession of the ring, the other was discharged. His Worship convicted the prisoner, and sentenced him to six weeks' hard labour.

An Indian watchman named Gordt Singh, employed at No. 42 Belchers Street, reports that while he was sitting outside the house at 5 a.m., five Chinese came from behind, and grabbing hold of him, they tied his hands behind his back, and then, after fastening his legs to the chair on which he was sitting, they gagged him. While one man stood guard over him, the others entered the house and stole an overcoat valued at $18, $1.20 in money, and a bunch of keys. All five men made good their escape, and no arrests have yet been effected.

THE FASCINATION OF SUICIDE.

TRAGEDIES OF THE PACIFIC.

A tragic incident is recorded as having occurred among the passengers of the T.K.K. steamer "Shinyo-maru," which arrived at Yokohama from San Francisco on the morning of the 8th March. Watanabe Fusakichi, a native of Tottori prefecture, who made some money in America, whither he proceeded more than ten years ago, took passage on the steamer with his wife and two daughters, ten and four years old. During the voyage, his wife became mentally deranged, and on the 6th instant at about 9 a.m., she jumped overboard with her two daughters. As soon as the fact became known, the steamer was stopped, and a search was made, but there was no trace of them. This incident so grieved another third-class passenger, named Hirata Hatsuta, aged 58, that he followed the demented woman's example early the following morning.

The above is what the *Taicho Nichi Nichi* relates of the incident. One imagines that there must be a good deal more than is told.

"WALLA-WALLAS" double-cross the harbour but never double-cross you. 'Phone No. 3516.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE STRIKE.

[*To the Editor of the "China Mail."*]

SIR,—It may be confidently stated that the average resident is tired of the present method of handling the strike, which only results in its becoming more wide-spread.

May I suggest that the amount of increase of pay which is fair and just to the various grades of men in the various Companies concerned be ascertained, as soon as possible, by the prompt appointment, by the Government, of three Commissioners (under Ordinance 13 of 1886) consisting of a Judge of the Supreme Court, an Accountant, and a Chinese Member, for the purpose of considering and reporting early on the question?

When we have got that Report, we shall be working in light instead of in the dark, and shall be able to judge for ourselves as to the reasonableness of the men's demands.—Yours faithfully,

H. E. POLLOCK.

Prince's Buildings,
April 16, 1920.

A SUGGESTION.

[*To the Editor of the "China Mail."*]

SIR,—During the Peak Tramway difficulties, may I appeal to others who, like myself, are fat, to aid the public by the simple procedure following?

Each patriot descends in the car (which pulls the second car up by the weight of its contents, without the use of the power from the station), and walks up the Peak Road. The thin ones walk *down* the road and go *up* in the tram. Thus, by a simple piece of self-sacrifice, the state is served, and Hongkong prepared for the advent of communism and communal effort.—Yours faithfully,

KEITH WEST.

THE RALEIGH CYCLE COMPANY.

With the tram strike still in progress it was singularly opportune that the *China Mail* should have received a new catalogue from the Raleigh Cycle Company, drawing attention to their famous all-steel bicycles. The catalogue itself is quite an artistic production, having on the cover a drawing of Sir Walter Raleigh, taken from an original by Mr. Bernard Partridge. Inside the cover is to be found much information regarding the machines and tips on their care. The indexing of of the catalogue is both novel and effecient. A glance suffices to show at which page the desired information can be obtained. There are some excellent plates showing the latest thing in Raleigh production and the specifications accompanying them are convincing as to the general excellence of the machines. Cycles are not used to a very great extent out here, except that the Chinese seem to be steadily adopting them but the hints given on buying may be applied with general advantage.

The following is taken from the catalogue:

WHEN BUYING.

Look upon a cycle in just the same way as an engineer does a piece of machinery, or a smoker does a cigar. The engineer doesn't buy because he likes the paint on the outside, anymore than the smoker chooses his cigar because of the colour of the band round it. They both know that what really matters is the material beneath the surface.

Yet to-day hundreds of cycles are being sold that have very little else to recommend them but their enamel, and as a result quite an army of riders think cycling "such a fag," but they toil along until the inevitable stone bumps the front wheel, the front fork gives way—there's a heap of "scrapiron" in the road, and a very disconsolate owner looking on, who thinks all cycle makers ought to be put to death to prevent them producing any more intruments of torture.

The engineer and the smoker buy very largely on the name, because they know that to build up a good name, good materials and methods must have been used in the making, and what is of more importance still, they know that the manufacturer with a reputation at stake *dare* not offer anything that is not up to his standard of quality, or that would injure his name in any way.

Most low-priced machines are too dear to buy at any price, when mileage, safety and easy running are considered.

In short, steer clear of "unknowns" and buy on reputation. The greater the reputation the machine has, the greater service will it render to its rider.

When you have selected your machine get the dealer to adjust it exactly to suit you; on this correct adjustment depends your comfort afterwards.

THE FRUIT SEASON.

BOWEL complaint is sure to be prevalent during the fruit season. Be sure to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhœa Remedy at hand. It may save a life. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

There was only a fair attendance at the City Hall last evening for the third annual meeting of the Hongkong Constitutional Reform Association. The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock presided, supported by the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Messrs. C. G. Alabaster, A. R. Lowe, D. K. Moss, E. A. M. Williams, (Hon. Treasurer) and H.B.L. Dowbiggin (Hon. Secretary).

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, during the course of this past year we have presented the members with two reports: one, an interim report of the Committee dated December 19 of last year, in which we reminded you of the meeting which was held in the Theatre and at which three resolutions were passed with reference to constitutional reform. The first of these resolutions was that as regards the unofficial members of the Legislative Council, other than the two Chinese nominated members, the principle of election instead of nomination should be applied; secondly, that the number of unofficial members should be increased from six to nine, and that the number of official members should remain as at present, namely eight, and, thirdly, that of the seven elected unofficial members, all of whom should be British subjects, one should be elected by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, one by the Justices of the Peace, four, three of whom shall be of British race and one of Portuguese race, by the British subjects who are jurymen, or qualified for, by exemption from, jury service, and one by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce or some other body representative of the Chinese community. Well, gentlemen, in connection with that resolution which was passed at the Theatre, as you will see from the report of the Committee, which is now in your hands, a deputation from the Committee waited upon H.E. the Governor upon the subject of constitutional reform on the 4th of Feb. this year and found His Excellency sympathetic upon the question of, first of all, the principle of election as against nomination and, secondly, the principle of a wider electorate. His Excellency the Governor has since addressed a despatch to the Secretary of State upon the subject and, gentlemen, in view of His excellency's being in sympathy with some, at all events, of the objects which were approved of by the meeting held at the Theatre last year, I think we may reasonably hope that some measure of constitutional reform will, before many months are over, be accorded to the citizens of this Colony.—(Applause.)—But, gentlemen, as you know, this Association does not confine itself merely to questions of the reform of the constitution, but as expressed in our rules, we deal with subjects of public interest connected with the Colony, and amongst these, recently, we have dealt with a problem which is of supreme importance, namely, the housing reform question, and, as you will see from the report before you, I have addressed certain observations to the Government upon this subject. I think I need not deal with all the points referred to there; I will just deal with one or two. For instance, taking the first point, the granting of loans at a low rate of interest to persons desiring to build houses. Well, gentlemen, as you will have gathered, the Government, has met us more than half-way upon this point, and the Government has appointed a Committee to consider this question of advancing loans at a low rate of interest to persons desiring to build houses, and I might inform you that that Committe has already begun its labours. I am not able, of course, to make any statement to you on the subject, because our proposals have not assumed at present a concrete shape, and after they have assumed a concrete shape, they will, of course, naturally have to be submitted to the Government. Our second proposal, which is aimed at the development of building facilities in Kowloon, is that the whole of King's Park, with the exception of the present golf links—which should be left as an open space—should be developed for building purposes. I am sure we all feel that the Kowloon housing question is a very pressing one and I am able to state from my own personal experience that the Kowloon Residents' Association is doing a very valuable work in that connection.—(Applause.)—And we do not at all propose in this Association, in any way, to take the good work out of the hands of that Association. They are in close communication with the Government, and the Kowloon Residents' Association are receiving figures from the Government with regard to certain terraces and other places in Kowloon, with regard to which rents are said to be excessive, and I would ask members of the public who are interested in the matter to have a little patience. It is quite obvious that the Kowloon Residents' Association cannot deal with the large numbers of figures in the course of a day, or even in the course of a few days. I have no doubt that when they have had an opportunity of considering the figures supplied to them, that the Kowloon Residents' Association will be able to put before the Government their case with regard to the reduction of rent. Of course, it is obvious that nobody, either the Kowloon Residents' Association or anybody else, can approach the Government with regard to taking any definite action until they are in full possession of all the facts and figures relating to the alleged profiteering and until they have had a full opportunity of analysing the figures. Another point which we have taken into consideration, and which we have recommended, is the abolition of farming in the case of the European type of houses, and another point is the cheapening of houses by lessening the minimum height of storeys in certain districts. Perhaps I may be permitted without impropriety to say that, with the assistance of Mr. A. E. Wright, the Building Authority, I have drafted a section for the purpose of lessening the height of storeys in districts, and I think we may reasonably hope that, within a short space of time, we may see this amendment placed upon the Statute Book of this Colony.—(Applause.) Another point which was suggested to the Government was enquiry into the possibility of using *pise de terre* or other cheap materials for building.—As your are probably aware, gentlemen, there has been a good deal of correspondence in the home papers, where the housing problem is as acute as here, upon the subject of cheapening the cost of building. The other two points which are referred to in the report fully explain themselves, and I do not think I need add anything to what is stated there with regard to them. With regard to the membership of the Association, as you will see from the next paragraph of the report, we have acquired 31 new members during the past three months, and eight old members have rejoined on returning to the Colony. The Hon. Secretary asks me to state that, in case some of these old members who have returned to the Colony may have been overlooked, he would be glad if old members who have returned to the Colony, would send in their names to him. The present membership of the Association, as you will see, is 294 and the Committee hope that members of this Association will assist by enrolling new members, and the Hon. Secretary will be glad to supply application forms for membership. With regard to the accounts, you will find on the last page of the report a statement of accounts. I think it explains itself. We had rather heavy expense, last year in connection with the hire of the City Hall for the big public meeting and advertising, but nevertheless we finished the year with a substantial cash balance of $174.80, as against $281.46 with which we started. As you know the subscription of this Association is only $1 a year, and I think it would be of great assistance to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Williams, if you would kindly, as soon as possible after this meeting, send in your subscription to him without it being applied for. It would save the Hon. Treasurer a certain amount of sending round to collect the sum of $1 from each member. With these remarks, gentlemen, I beg to move the adoption of the report and the passing of the accounts. I shall be glad if some member will kindly second that.

Mr. F. A. Josephs seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley proposed the re-election of the Hon. Mr. Pollock, as President for the ensuing year.

Mr. F. P. Shroff seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman: I am much obliged to you and I hope before we meet again this time next year that we shall have received some news from home favourable on the subject of constitutional reform.—(Applause.)

Mr. C. G. Alabaster was unanimously elected Vice President, on the motion of Mr. C. A. da Roza, seconded by Mr. Leo d'Almada.

With regard to the election of Hon. Treasurer the Chairman said he was sure they were very grateful to Mr. Williams for the work done for the Association in the past, and Mr. Williams was good enough to say that he would allow himself to be put up again as Hon. Treasurer, and therefore he begged to move that Mr. Williams be elected Hon. Tresurer for the ensuing year.

Mr. Jackson seconded, and the proposal was carried unanimously.

With regard to the post of Hon. Secretary the Chairman said he was very sorry to inform them, and he was sure they would be very sorry to hear, that Mr. Dowbiggin, owing to his being about to go away shortly from the Colony, was unable to take up the post of Hon. Secretary for the ensuing year. He was sure they felt that the Association was very much indebted to Mr. Dowbiggin for his work as Hon. Secretary.—(Applause.)—He was glad to be able to tell them that they had secured an Hon. Secretary for the ensuing year in Mr. L. C. Whyte and he moved that he be elected.

Mr. W. A. Dowley seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Whyte expressed his pleasure in accepting office.

With regard to the election of a Committee the Chairman said that Mr. Wilkinson was going home shortly and did not wish to be re-elected.

The following Committee was then elected:—The Hon. Mr. P.H Holyoak, Messrs. J. P. Braga, A. G. Coppin, J. L. Crockatt, W. J Crawford, C. Montagu Ede, A. Forbes, D. Harvey, C. H. P. Hay, A. R. Lowe, D. K. Moss, J. O. Hughes, S. E. Grimstone, W. L. Pattendep, J. A. Plummer, S. D. Setna, P. Smyth, D. V. Steavenson, D. Templeton, E. A. Josepha, F. B. L. Bowley and W. A. Dowley.

CASUAL NOTES.

[BY "THE TRAMP."]

Quite a number of people must be wondering what all the excitement over the Sanitary Board election was about. Elections in the Colony are hardly ever exciting, in fact I believe an Ordinance is on our books providing for the Governor to appoint a representative to a certain body in the event of no nominations being forthcoming. That clearly shows that Government does not expect us to allow these little things to disturb the general equanimity. This was the first appearance in the electioneering arena of the Kowloon Residents' Association and it must be admitted that they gained quite a substantial backing for their candidate. In fact its members could almost shout "Are we downhearted"—but of course, that is never done in Hongkong.

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The employees of a firm of high repute do a quiet smile, if the manager isn't looking, as they enter their premises and pass under the board bearing the single word "Cook's." Bright persons will guess by this that Thomas Cook and Sons are referred to. That the firm has built up a reputation that the single word "Cooks" is a beacon to the worried tourist thinking about his steamer connections and getting some "ready" is something to be proud of. The name, however, is liable to be misunderstood. A party of Japanese did it and one strolled into the office and calmly enquired "what time chow?"

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Aviation persists in cropping up. The Chamber of Commerce, after their preliminary outburst when their feelings were worked up by members of the American Aviation Commission, allowed the subject to become dormant. It has come out again with the sun and next Tuesday a meeting is to be held to consider the formation of an aviation Club. Up to the present there hasn't been much doing in aviation here, but there's nothing like getting things ready.

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The strike among the fitters still drags on, and a state of deadlock has been reached. The announcement made by the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone plainly indicated that the employers had made their final offer and that they are now waiting some move towards discussing the matter from the strikers. Neither side at present seems to be willing to give in. By the way isn't this spirit of "won't give in" rather the wrong one?

If the trams are kept off the streets much longer the strike movement is bound to become unpopular with the Chinese who form the greater part of the Company's passengers.

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On the question of a rebate on monthly tram tickets it may be pointed out that if this is made *pro rata* with the cost of the ticket the holders will be the losers. The tram ticket costs $10 a month, or roughly 35 cents a day. In the case of a man living at Wanchai, a fifteen cent ricsha ride, if he goes home to tiffin it means that he makes four journeys in the ordinary course of business, which is costing him 60 cents. What is going to be done? This extra cost may mean something to a man.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, we have come to the end of the regular business of which notice has been given in the advertisement and I shall be very glad if any member wishes to make any remarks if he will kindly do so, to help the in-coming Committee with reference to the policy of the Association.

Mr. Leo D'Almada suggested for the consideration of the in-coming Committee that whenever any communication of importance passed between the Association and the Government it should be published, as was done by the Kowloon Residents' Association.

The Chairman said he quite agreed with the suggestion which was a good one. Of course the difficulty about the communication he recently received from the Government on the housing question was that it partly dealt with matters of a confidential nature. He had also submitted certain information which he had obtained confidentially.

Mr. Almada remarked that people had been under the impression that the offer of loans for building purposes had come from the Government unasked, whereas it really was prompted by the Association to which congratulations were due.

The Chairman said that the suggestion would be carried out, where practicable.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, said it was to Mr. Pollock that they owed the Association which was formed in consequence of the turning down, without any concession whatever, of a petition which was got up by Mr. Pollock. This year they hoped to see the efforts of the Association crowned by the granting of that constitutional reform which they desired so fervently that they had placed it in their name as well as in their objects.

The vote was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Pollock expressed his thanks, and the meeting terminated.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS SUCCESSFUL DESPITE BAD WEATHER.

MRS. LANDER DISTRIBUTES PRIZES.

Despite the bad weather which prevailed yesterday morning, the annual athletic sports meeting of the St. Stephen's College was held at the Race Course yesterday afternoon. The rain had rendered the course unfit for the jumping events, and these had to be dispensed with, and will be worked off on the University recreation ground, at Pokfulum to-day. The course was anything but fit for even the running events, nevertheless, the boys made the most of the conditions, and by their enthusiasm, made the meet as successful as could be wished. Owing to the fact that the programme was not completed yesterday, the senior and junior championship cups, the Old Boys' Cup, presented by Mr. Kwok Siu Kau, for the boy gaining the highest number of points at the meet, and the cup for the form gaining the highest number of points, were not awarded, and will be contested for to-day. Up to the close of the meet yesterday evening, Chiu Hon Chun headed the senior class with 14 points, with Hung Hwai Ching close on his heels with 11. In the junior class, Wong Boon Hin had 18 points to his credit, whilst the second boy, Wan Wai Choi has only 8. A feature of the meet, was the admirable arrangements which prevailed, and which won credit for the school, in that it will go down in the records as the best organized sports meeting held this year. The Rev. W. H. Hewett who superintended everything, and the Rev. C. H. Shann who acted as Judge, had a lot of work to do, and contributed no mean share towards the success of the meet. The brunt of the work of course went to Mr. F. A. Britton, the untiring Secretary, and the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, who filled the post of Starter, a tiring and thankless job. The guests, who turned up in great numbers, despite the weather, were well looked after, and were served with tea and cakes during the interval.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

At the conclusion of the afternoon's sports, the Rev. W. H. Hewitt, having explained why some of the prizes were not being given away, said that they were very grateful to Mrs. Lander for having, in the midst of her many engagements, consented to be present and give away the prizes. It was not the first time that she had done so, but no doubt they all felt more than ordinary regret that it would be the last. He felt sure he was voicing the opinion of the students and the staff of St. Stephen's College when he said that they were sincerely sorry that the Bishop and Mrs. Lander were leaving Hongkong. On behalf of the College, he would wish them *bon voyage* and prosperity for thousands of years in the future, as the Chinese would say. (Applause.) Before concluding, he wished to take the opportunity of welcoming back Mr. F. A. Britton, who, after war service, had returned and taken up his post as sports-master. He also welcomed Mrs. Britton, the new sports-mistress; it was the first time she had attended the College sports meeting and he was sorry that, owing to the weather, Happy Valley was not at its best. He had also to thank all those who had so generously contributed to the prize fund, not only past pupils and present pupils, but also other friends. He wished to express his thanks to the various Committees who had so successfully carried out the sports. They had worked with great energy, and deserved all the credit which could be given them. (Applause.)

After Mrs. Lander had given away the prizes, Mr. Britton said it was customary to present the lady who performed this pleasing duty with flowers. On this occasion, however, they had no flowers, but they had a memento of which he asked Mrs. Lander's kind acceptance. This, he hoped, would serve to remind Mrs. Lander of her connection with St. Stephen's College. It was a small silver frame, with the arms of the College engraved upon it. This souvenir was handed to Mrs. Lander by Lim Seow Chuan, one of the small boys of the College.

Bishop Lander, rising amidst applause, said that there was an old English proverb which said that it was no use keeping a dog and barking oneself. Mrs. Lander was one of those ladies who believed in letting her husband do all the talking, and had asked him to express her cordial thanks for the frame which had been presented to her. He thought he could share the frame, so that it would serve to remind him of the days when he was connected with St. Stephen's College. It had been his privilege to be the Chairman of the College Council for 13 years, and he could look back on that period with unmixed pleasure, for no branch of his diocesan duties had given him less anxiety than St. Stephen's College. The College had such an enthusiastic Headmaster, so excellent a staff, and such influential friends among the Chinese community that it had gone on prospering from year to year. He remembered that when he first presided at the St. Stephen's prize-giving in 1901, he expressed the hope that the College would one day be affiliated to an English University. The then Governor of the Colony, Sir Frederick Lugard, who followed him as speaker, said that the affiliation with a University at Home was a good idea, but he knew of a better—"Let us have a University here," he said. He (the Bishop) believed that this was the first public utterance in regard to the University, so that, in a way, St. Stephen's College was the birthplace of the idea that later sprang into the Hongkong University. (Applause.) He thanked the Rev. Mr. Hewitt for his expression of good wishes. Both Mrs. Lander and he would always think with the greatest satisfaction of St. Stephen's College, and their connection with it. The fact that they had held their sports in spite of the unfavourable weather conditions was emblematic of that determination with which everything at St. Stephen's was done, and of that spirit which was always present in the College. He was glad that two of the staff, Mr. Britton and the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, had left for war service, thus carrying the name of St. Stephen's overseas, and that they had returned safely. With such a staff and such students, there was a magnificent future for St. Stephen's College. (Applause.)

Cheers were called for Mrs. Lander before the gathering dispersed.

THE RESULTS.

The results were as follows:—

120 Yards (Junior).—1, Wan Wai Choi; 2, Wong Boon Hin; 3, Ma Han Lee.

120 Yards (Senior).—1, Chiu Hon Chun; 2, Hung Huai Ching; 3, Mak Kwok Beng.

100 Yards (Small Boys).—1, Lim Seow Chuan; 2, Lim Seow Chong; 3, Fau Chi Sun.

220 Yards (Junior).—1, Wong Boon Hin; 2, Wan Wai Choi; 3, Ma Hin Lee.

220 Yards (Senior).—1, Hung Huai Chang; 2, Chiu Hon Chun; 3, Mak Kwok Beng.

Small Boys Maths. Race.—1, Fau Chi Sun.

100 Yards (Open).—1, Wan Wai Choi; 2, Chiu Hon Chun.

Quarter Mile (Junior).—1, Wong Boon Hin; 2, Hsu Han Lay; 3, Lim Choy Kuo.

Quarter Mile (Senior).—1, Chiu Hon Chun; 2, Hung Huai Chang; 3, Chan Hing Yeung.

Old Boys' Race (220 Yards).—1, Chin Kuo Liang; 2, Ng Shu Heng; 3, Fung Man Sui.

Egg and Spoon Race.—1, Lo Kwong Hin; 2, Lim Seow Chong.

Half Mile (Junior).—1, Wong Boon Hin; 2, Hsu Han Lay; 3, Ma Hin Lee.

Half Mile (Senior).—1, Man Kwok Ping; 2, Chan Hing Cheung; 3, Chiu Hon Chun.

Putting the Shot.—1, Chan Ling Thong; 2, Mak Kwong Hing; 3, Hung Huai Chang.

One Mile (Open).—1, Wong Hing Tung; 2, Hsu Han Lay; 3, Wong Boon Him.

Sack Race.—1, Chin Hon Chun; 2, Lim Chong Kuo; 3, Wan Wai Choi.

Relay Race.—Form IVA.

Tug-of-War.—Form III.

THE OFFICIALS.

Patron, The Ven. Archdeacon of Hongkong; President, Rev. W. H. Hewitt; Chairman, Mr. F. A. Britton; Judges, Rev. C. B. Shann, Mr. F. A. Redmond, Prof. A. G. Warren, Mr. R. W. D. Barney, Mr. C. N. Chau, Rev. Bro. Alphonsus, Mr. S. K. Ng, Mr. K. L. Chao, Mr. C. K. Liu, and Mr. K. K. Li; Starter, Rev. E. W. L. Martin; Time-keeper, Mr. I. S. Wan; Clerks of the Course, Messrs. W. H. Wei, S. L. Wong, H. M. Ling, S. S. Liang, C. H. Tam, Y. L. Tang, H. N. Chau, H. H. Tsoi, M. S. Lam, C. F. Woon, M. K. Yue, and K. H. Li; Treasurer, Mr. M. K. Cheng; Secretaries, B. H. Wong (Hon.), and K. C. Chao (Asst.); Committee, Messrs. B. H. Wong, K. T. Wong, K. C. Chao, H. C. Chiu, C. S. Lo, J. Lee, W. C. Wan, K. P. Mak, H. C. Hung, H. L. Hsu, K. K. Pau, H. K. Pau, H. W. Chan, T. O. Tso, S. Y. Wong, and C. F. Pau; Refreshment Committee, Mr. S. H. H. Bethell (Chairman), Messrs. Y. H. Pun, K. K. Pau, F. C. Kan, and C. S. Lo; Stewards, Messrs. S. W. Leung, T. O. Tso, W. Yuen, H. W. Hsu, K. S. Tsang, P. C. Lai, K. F. Yip, C. K. Yeung, C. K. Chau, and G. Yip.

ARMED ROBBERY.

An armed robbery is reported to have taken place in No. 486 Reclamation Street at 8 p.m., yesterday, when five men, two armed with knives, entered the house. Whilst two of the intruders held the inmates up with knives, the others ransacked the place and took away a large quantity of clothing. The alarm was given as soon as the thieves got out of the house, and in their alarm, they dropped part of their booty in the road and ran away. Chase was given, and one of the men was arrested. The Police are on the tracks of the others.

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GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS

HONGKONG TRADE AND THE FREIGHT SITUATION.

Consul-General George E. Anderson, writing from Hongkong in December last, notes that Hongkong exporters are complaining of the freight situation with respect to European shipments, and there seems to be no question but that the export trade to Europe, which has already been all but killed by the high value of silver and the depreciated value of European currencies, is being greatly embarrassed, not only by high freight, but also by a lack of tonnage. Hongkong shippers claim that there has been a shortage of tonnage, to Great Britain particularly, ever since the war commenced, and the supply has not been adequate even since the armistice and the restoration of many commandeered vessels to the European-Asiatic run. They claim, too, that shipping companies are in a position to refuse to fix shipments for more than a month in advance. The result is that, with exchange fluctuating so greatly in short periods of time, and with delays in cablegrams of from three to seven days, or even more, traders find it difficult, if not impossible, to make a quotation and receive the acceptance of an offer and make arrangements for the transport of their goods within the limits made, even if freight space is available, which often is not the case for from two to three months ahead. Most dealers in Hongkong are now selling London for delivery from three to four months ahead.

Trans-Pacific conditions are much better, and little difficulty is experienced in the engagement of space in advance, though there is difficulty in effecting the comparatively prompt acceptance of orders by cablegram. Trade with the United States at present rests more upon the matter of exchange than upon any other factor.

Dealing with the question of freight space now available, a writer points out that whilst import cargo has dwindled, exports to the Far East have increased very greatly. This is due partly to the fact that pig-iron and other commodities may now be exported to the East, and shipping managers admit that it is not always easy to secure a sufficient quantity of the fine lighter cargo with which to complete the loading of the ships. Still there is no doubt that exports of manufactures show a very satisfactory improvement. Rates of freight in this trade are comparatively low, when we look at the rates for other parts of the world. No doubt this is partly due to the policy of the Japanese Government, which, while assisting financially the Japanese shipping lines, directly interests itself in the rates of freight. But costs of operation are now so heavy and the work performed by the ships is so much reduced by the long periods for which they have to remain in port that an increase in the rates of freight seems not improbable.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. Kaiping, Capt. Macfarlane, 1650 tons, arrived yesterday at noon, from Chin Wan Tao with 1650 tons of coal.

The s.s. Tjisalak, Capt. A. W. La Rooy, 5,786.81 tons arrived yesterday at 7 a.m. from Balikpapan with 4,145 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. Tatontse, Capt. Levaillant, 666 tons arrived yesterday at 1.30 p.m. from Saigon with 1 bag of mail and 800 tons of rice and flour.

The s.s. Aki Maru, Capt. Shibata, 3676.22 tons arrived yesterday at 6.30 p.m. from Manila with 126 bags of mail and 1042.2 tons of wool, flour, lead etc.

The s.s. Colombia, Captain Geo. Dockstader, 3,448 tons arrived yesterday at 6.30 a.m. from Manila with 149 packages of mail and 360 tons of steel and groceries.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. Kamui Maru, Captain Matsub, sailed for Keelung at 10 a.m. to-day.

The s.s. Sado Maru, Capt. Tanaka, sailed for Yokohama via Shanghai at 11 a.m. to-day.

The s.s. Loongsang Capt. Simpson, sailed for Manila at 3 p.m. to-day with 1,500 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. Higho, Captain Diery, sailed for San Francisco via Kobe, at 7 a.m. to-day with 140 tons of general cargo.

The American Consul General, Mr. George E. Anderson, sails on the s.s. "Colombia" on the 21st of this month for a stay of from four and a half to five months in the United States on leave of absence. During his absence, the Consulate General will be in charge of Mr. Leighton Hope, senior Vice Consul.

CHILD LABOUR.

Mr. King, A.S.P., this morning charged three Chinese women, earth carriers, with ill-treating their children.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Mr. King said that whilst Dr. Aubrey was coming down from the Peak yesterday, he saw the children carrying baskets of lime and earth up the hill. Two of the boys were 11 and 13 years of age respectively. The other, still younger, was crying at the time the doctor saw them. The women were engaged by a coolie contractor of Third Street, to carry the building materials up to the Peak, at the rate of 16 cents per picul. The women, in order to augument their earnings, made the children help carry the materials. The two elder boys carried two baskets weighing 30 catties each, whilst the younger one carried 24 catties. These loads were too heavy for them.

Mr. Smith tested the baskets, and said he was satisfied that they were too heavy for the children.

Mr. King said he did not bring the case in order to secure a conviction and a heavy penalty. He merely wanted it made known to coolies that it was against the law to make children carry heavy weights.

Mr. Smith said the only way they could stop such a state of affairs was by legislation. The boys must earn their living, and if they did not work, they would suffer hunger.

Mr. King agreed.

Dr. Aubrey said the loads were so heavy that he himself could not carry them for any great distance without feeling the strain. Overloading of children does a lot of harm to their health, and if continued, it would either have the effect of killing the children or of damaging their health for life. It was disgraceful to make them work so hard.

Mr. Smith said he quite appreciated the doctor's point.

Dr. Aubrey said he would like to draw his Worship's attention to the fact that the loads were issued by the contractors with the full knowledge that they were to be carried by children. He said this in order to show that the parents were not altogether to blame for this state of affairs. He thought these contractors should be fined if found.

Mr. Smith said he appreciated the doctor's spirit in bring the case up, but at the same time, he did not think it was any good to inflict any hardships on the women. There are many children who do hard work in Hongkong, especially in the factories, and until these cases come before the public, very little could be done towards the stopping of child labour.

Mr. King said that it was not the abolition of child labour that he wanted, he simply wanted it made known that children are not to be made to do hard work on the same scale as adults. He was sure a caution would meet the case. The defendants were sure to discuss the matter with other coolies, and perhaps that might lead to some moderation.

His Worship discharged the defendants with a caution.

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SWATOW AND SINGAPORE	LIMAN	April 18, at 10 a.m.
HAIPHONG	KAIFONG	April 18, at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	LUCHOW	April 20, at 10 a.m.
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(Continued from page 2.)

THE MILLIONAIRE'S SHIRT.

Mr. Hastings, alluding to a photograph of one of the scenes in the film, said that nowadays the public did not expect a millionaire to hang his shirt over the end of the bed. (Laughter.)

Plaintiff: I put the shirt over the end of the bed myself. This man is one of the masses, and the shirt was put there purposely as a character touch.

Mr. Hastings: Oh! I thought it was to hide the bed.—(Laughter.) Now we come to the daughter's room. When Enid gets out of the bed and trips to the window to see what is going on, is it not apparent that she has not washed her feet? (Laughter.)—That is impossible! I examine every artist most closely. (Laughter.)

You didn't really go and ask the leading lady if she had washed her feet?—No, but I see that her feet are properly made up.

Miss Nellie Tom Gallon, sister and sole executrix of the late Tom Gallon, said that she had been publicity manager and buyer of stories for the London Film Company (Ltd.). She described the film "The Lackey and the Lady" as a good, wholesome domestic drama.

DOGGED BY "THE BETTER 'OLE."

Mr. G. W. Pearson, film producer, who gave evidence regarding the qualities of Mr. Bentley's work, was asked in cross-examination by Mr. Hastings: Did you ever hear of a film called "The Better 'Ole"?—Yes, unfortunately.

Why unfortunately?—Because it has followed me about. (Laughter.)

Do you mean it has dogged your footsteps.—Yes. (Laughter.)

Was it as good a film as "The Lackey and the Lady"?—I think it was.

Was "The Better 'Ole" sold for £20,000?—I am not at liberty to say.

Don't be afraid. Was it somewhere in the neighbourhood of that sum?—It had some relationship to a large figure. (Laughter.)

Mr. Ingholme, writer of scenarios for film plays, was asked by Mr. Hastings: Have you seen the photograph from the film of the old gentleman with the poker and the undershirt?—Yes.

What does the shirt on the end of the bed convey to you?—I consider it as showing that he has risen to such a state of affluence that he considered a shirt necessary. (Loud laughter.) It left no doubt in anybody's mind that he had got one.

His Lordship: You have seen the picture of the millionaire in his room. Does it give a fair reproduction of the character as it would be understood from the book?—It is rather on the lines of the cartoon. Sometimes you have to cartoon characters, as the public is still a little dense in following a plot.

His Lordship: We are getting on. We are doing our best. (Laughter.)

BLOW ON THE HEAD.

Mr. Travers, scenario manager at Bushey, who was one of the actors in "The Lackey and the Lady," asked by Mr. Hastings whether he thought the incident in the film in which he was struck on the head with a club was properly done, replied with emphasis: "It was jolly well done, I think. (Laughter.) With any other man, unless he knew his business, I should not put my nap—I mean my head, in the way of his stick." (Laughter.) "I remember," added witness, "that the camera man taking the film yelled out at the time, 'He's hit him,' and the man who had done it thought I was 'going out.'"

The hearing was adjourned, to give the jury an opportunity of seeing the picture.

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In the eight principal countries of the allies paper notes increased from $1,166,000,000 in 1914 to $2,420,000,000 in 1919, while the gold reserve increased from $516,000,000 to $1,450,000,000, a ratio of 44.3 per cent in 1914 and 59.9 per cent in 1919.

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"ST. ALBANS"†	4,600	30th April	Sandakan, Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane. Sydney & Melbourne
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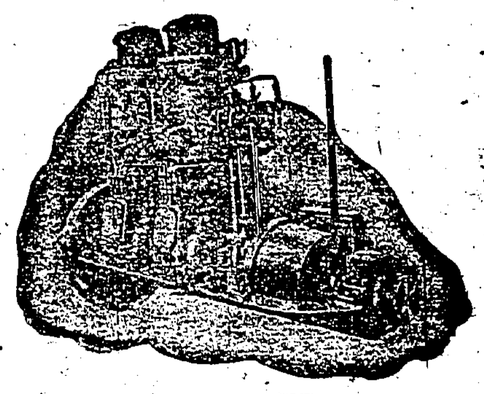
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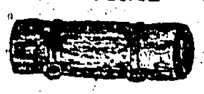
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YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

The 80th half-yearly ordinary general meeting was held on March 10.

The Report to the Shareholders said:

The Directors submit to you the annexed Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Bank, and of the Profit and Loss Account for the half-year, ended December 31, 1919.

The Gross Profits of the Bank for the past half-year, including Yen 3,776,835 brought forward from last Account, amount to Yen 158,708,332, from which the sum of Yen 135,625,937 has been deducted for Interests, Taxes, Current Expenses, Rebate on Bills Current, Bad and Doubtful Debts, Bonus for Officers and Clerks, etc., leaving a balance of Yen 23,082,394 for appropriation.

The Directors propose that Yen 16,000,000 be added to the Reserve Fund, and recommend a Dividend at the rate of Twelve per cent. per annum, which will absorb Yen 13,210,000.

The Balance, Yen 3,872,394, will be carried forward to the credit of next Account.

NAKAJI KAJIWARA,
Chairman.

Head Office,
Yokohama, March 10, 1920.

The President's speech (translated and abridged) was as follows:—

Gentlemen,—In submitting for your approval the Statement of the liabilities and Assets of the Bank, the Profit and Loss Account for the half-year ending December 31, 1919, and the proposals for the distribution of the profits, I shall have pleasure in briefly reviewing the general aspect of economic affairs at home and abroad during the period mentioned, and will also give you a rough resume of the Bank's operations.

GENERAL SURVEY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT HOME.

The uncertainty in the economic world created after the Armistice has been gradually eliminated, the general aspect of economic affairs at home during the last half-year showed great improvement. The volume of our foreign trade became greater each month, the total amount of imports and exports reaching Y2,400,000,000, a substantial growth of Y500,000,000 compared with the corresponding six months of the previous year. This was especially due to the prosperous condition of the United States, to which country the export of raw silk has shown a remarkable development, while the price of that commodity rose to Y400 towards the end of the year, the highest figure ever attained. With the expansion of industries the home market was very active, and a keen demand for new enterprises and for increases in capital and dividend prevailed throughout the country, the capital actually paid up during the last half-year amounting to a monthly average of Y145,000,000. Business as a whole was remarkably lively, the returns of the Bankers' Clearing House showing the passage through the hands of Yen 43,900,000,000, an increase of Y12,300,000,000 when compared with the corresponding period of the previous year. As a consequence, the general state of the money market was tight and continued to threatened to become still more so. Appreciating the position, the Banks, headed by the Bank of Japan, rendered invaluable service by carefully regulating loans with a view to prevent over-speculation and to keep the market sound. The Bank of Japan raised the official rates twice during the period (in October and November) by 2-3 rin, and this acted beneficially. International financial conditions remaining as favourable as ever to Japan, the Government availed itself of them by issuing 5 per cent. Exchequer Bonds to the amount of Y80,000,000 in July and Y100,000,000 in December, while it also successfully renewed Y100,000,000 in September. Furthermore, the method recently adopted by the Bank of Japan of discounting foreign bills accepted by Banks has taken advantage of to a great extent by this Bank, and the funds obtained used to promote our foreign trade. Towards the end of the year the amount of notes in circulation reached Y1,554,000,000 on one occasion but, nevertheless, the trade was carried on smoothly and without disturbance, owing to the strong cash position of the Banks and to their cautious attitude in view of a possible future emergency.

FOREIGN TRADE.

Our foreign trade for the last half-year shows an excess of exports of Y148,000,000, imports amounting to Y1,123,000,000 against exports Y1,271,000,000, thus giving a total trade in all of Y2,394,000,000. This excess of exports not being sufficient to offset the excess of imports during the previous half-year, a balance of Y74,000,000 is left as an excess of imports for the whole year, and thus our foreign trade has reverted to its pre-war condition. Exports of Specie and Bullion amounted to Y5,000,000 and imports to Y326,000,000. American shipments of gold to Japan in settlement of the excess of our exports to the U.S.A. during the War being to a great extent responsible for this large preponderance of imports over exports.

The principal increases in exports are:—

Raw Silk	Y	214,000,000
Habutae	Y	37,000,000
Straw Braid	Y	8,000,000
Matches	Y	6,000,000
Timber	Y	6,000,000
Coal	Y	5,000,000
Cotton Underwear	Y	4,000,000
Porcelain	Y	3,000,000
Glass Ware	Y	3,000,000
Toys	Y	3,000,000

Decreases occur in exports in:—

Cotton Yarns	Y	31,000,000
Copper	Y	12,000,000
Beans	Y	6,000,000
Tea	Y	4,000,000
Paper	Y	3,000,000

Increases in imports are principally in:—

Raw Cotton	Y	87,000,000
Bean Cake	Y	24,000,000
Rice	Y	13,000,000
Sugar	Y	10,000,000
Machinery	Y	9,000,000
Petroleum	Y	9,000,000
Beans	Y	8,000,000

while all other items show increases, except for decreases in:—

Iron and Steel	Y	11,000,000
Hemp	Y	3,000,000

Our Exchange sold on abroad, amounting to Y178,000,000, and Exchange bought on abroad, Y560,000,000, show decreases of Y187,000,000 and Y154,000,000 respectively, while Exchange sold abroad on Japan, totalling Y321,000,000, and Exchange bought abroad on Japan, Y653,000,000, show increases of Y83,000,000 and Y168,000,000 respectively compared with the corresponding period of the previous year.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ABROAD.

The work of reconstruction in Europe has shown gradual progress, but the enormous waste of productive power and wealth makes the recovery to normal conditions appear still very remote. The huge expansion in the expenditure of each Government, with the resultant continuous augmentation of national debts and increase in individual extravagance, has led to a considerable rise in the price of commodities and a corresponding fall in the purchasing power of the various currencies, which state of affairs, together with the prevalence everywhere of social unrest and labour troubles, has greatly increased the difficulty of recovery. Conditions being as stated, more especially on the Continent, the obtaining of credits abroad was confronted with great difficulties, and commerce and industry may be described as inactive. As regards the money markets, England abandoned her war-time measures, such as the payment by the Bank of England of interest on deposits at notice and on foreign money, the Government embargo on foreign investments, etc., but this must not be taken as meaning that the English money market has returned to its normal condition, but merely that advantage was taken of the low rate of exchange, which, preventing the transfer of funds from England except at loss, made such action possible. For the purpose of preventing the inflation of the currency and excessive speculation on the Stock Exchange, the Bank of England official rate, which had stood unaltered at 5 per cent. since the 5th April, 1917, was raised on the 6th November, 1919, to 6 per cent. Following this, the deposit rate was raised to 4 per cent. and the discount rate on Treasury Bills to 5½ per cent. Great Britain's foreign trade has, by her united efforts, made good progress. The Exports amounted to £464,000,000 and the Imports to £914,000,000 during the last half-year, giving an excess of imports over exports of £450,000,000. Taking the whole year into account, the total exports were £798,000,000 and the imports £1,632,000,000, making an excess of imports of £834,000,000, a greater balance against her than any during the war. The fact is that although her export trade has made a distinct improvement as regards the Continent, it is still greatly outbalanced by the huge imports from America. The adverse state of her trade led to a surprising fall in the sterling exchange on the United States from 4.58 at the beginning of the period to 3.77 toward the end, and the downward tendency was still noticeable of late.

As regards France, her economic conditions were very unfavourable to recovery from her war injuries, as she suffered from an adverse balance of trade due to very large imports of foodstuffs and manufactured goods, while materials for reconstruction purposes were not available in anything like sufficient quantities. Her exports during the five months from May to September last year amounted to Frs. 3,650,000,000 as against imports during the same period of Frs 13,000,000,000, the excess of imports reaching the enormous amount of Frs. 9,350,000,000. Besides this, her external debts amount to £430,000,000 to England and $2,800,000,000 to the United States, while interest on these debts reaches a large amount yearly. Such an adverse trade balance, and the fact that her foreign investments are mostly locked up, brought the Franc exchange to a very unpleasant point, that on New York falling to 11.37 and that on London to 40, these rates comparing very unfavourably with those prevailing at the beginning of the period, which were 4.50 and 3.30 respectively. Our exchange rates on London and Paris were correspondingly affected and rose towards the end of the year to 2/6½ and 4.83 respectively, figures we have never experienced before.

In the United States, a general return to pre-war conditions of commerce and industry was practically attained by the beginning of the period, and with great demands coming from Europe for raw materials and other commodities, her foreign trade reached $3,867,000,000 in exports against $2,293,000,000 in imports, or an excess of $1,574,000,000 in exports during the last half-year. Her industry and commerce were in a very active and flourishing state, notwithstanding that labour troubles were constantly prevalent. Money being abundant, various loans were floated on her market by the British and other Governments to the extent of $424,000,000, while funds were supplied for new enterprises to the amount of over $2,363,000,000. In order to prevent general speculation under the tempting conditions prevailing, the Federal Reserve Bank effectively raised its official rate at the beginning of October and tightened the market. The Call Rate ranged from 25 per cent. to 30 per cent. at one time, but, nevertheless, no disturbance was created thereby, owing to the very cautious attitude of the Banks.

In China, notwithstanding the rise in the price of silver, imports remained very inactive, more especially in the case of Japanese goods, due to the use of the boycott for political purposes. Exports, on the contrary, were in a very flourishing condition, large demands coming from Europe for commodities such as raw silk, flour, pea-nut oil, furs, etc. Consequently, the general condition of the money market was very tight. This was especially so in Shanghai, to which place silver to the amount of about Taels 50,000,000 was shipped from the United States during the period, but as most of this was re-exported to the interior and Manchuria it had little appreciable effect on the market, which remained short of money, the stock of silver showing an increase of only Taels 5,000,000 during the half-year.

As regards the price of silver, the recent startling rise is due to the previously mentioned large excess of exports in China's foreign trade; to the shortage in the production of the metal in Mexico and the United States, and to the prosperous condition of India's export trade. These factors became more in evidence towards the end of the year, and the London quotation of silver, which was 53½d. at the commencement of the period, had risen to 79½d. at the end and continued to show an upward tendency. It is to be noted that London has practically ceased to be the great free market for silver, the supply of that metal now coming chiefly from America, and the London quotation is consequently based on that of New York. For the same reason, the Shanghai Exchange on abroad is now based on the price of silver in New York instead of on that prevailing in London, a step adopted in compliance with the changed situation in the world markets.

At Harbin and Vladivostock, the general economic conditions were, unfortunately, very confused, owing to the fall in the value of Russian money and to the political disturbances in Siberia, and, consequently, foreign trade, both in exports and imports, was very dull. During the period under review, imports of sugar, wheat, flour, machine oil and boots were made on a small scale, but these ceased eventually as the result of the general confusion in the political situation.

The aforesaid is a brief survey of the state of the economic world and of the Bank's operations during the last half-year, and notwithstanding the boycott of Japanese goods in China, the unsettled state of foreign exchanges and other difficulties, I am glad to be able to place before you a better report than was expected, and hope that the Bank will make further progress in the expansion of its business in the coming years.

AVIATION.

THE NEED FOR NATIONAL AERODROMES.

Progressive countries are realising that if they are to keep pace with modern commercial developments they must institute national aerodromes. With the growth of civil aviation there is little doubt that in a few years time aerodromes will be as necessary commercially to a State as roads or railways.

England, France, Italy, Germany and the United States have commenced to organise national aerodromes.

England has a line of alighting grounds stretching between Great Britain and India, and the all British air route between Cairo and Cape Town has been prepared for aerial traffic. Aerodromes have been instituted at distances of about 200 miles, along the routes selected, which has necessitated strenuous labours in clearing the ground of bush, the felling of thousands of trees and the removal of numerous ant hills.

The expense of such an undertaking is justified in view of the valuable acceleration of trade which will result when commercial aeroplanes commence operations between Cairo and the Cape, carrying passengers, mail and freight at speeds far greater than that accomplished by train or boat.

Sheffield's Municipal Aerodromes.—Various British industrial towns have recently been discussing the institution of aerodromes to provide facilities for the arrival and departure of commercial aeroplanes. Sheffield has shown the way to maintain Britain's aerial position by the provision of a municipal aerodrome at Coal Aston.

Aerodromes, once started by a few enterprising towns should be quickly adopted by other cities when they find it necessary to keep pace with the acceleration of business accomplished by their rivals.

In this way a chain of aerodromes should be formed in this country which would greatly assist aviation concerns to run mail, freight and passenger carrying services without the prohibitive cost of instituting landing grounds.

In France, Italy, America and other countries the value of State owned aerodromes, as a means of fostering commercial aviation, has been recognised. Most important towns have prepared aerodromes in order that they may be linked with the air services which are being organised.

Reduction of Charges.—Reasonable charges are made for the use of these landing grounds, and in course of time the authorities will be amply repaid for their original expenditure by fees received and the benefit to the commercial activities of the cities concerned.

In some countries, especially in South America, there is a general belief that organisers of air routes are prepared to pay large fees for aerodromes.

It is not realised that aviation is at present carrying out expensive pioneer work, and the rates charged for air travel cannot be kept reasonably low if thousands of pounds have to be expended on the purchase of land for aerodromes.

Most enterprising countries will realise that the encouragement of commercial flying will eventually prove of inestimable value in speeding up business communications, and the institution of national aerodromes will become as necessary to important towns as the encouragement of railway communications.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

If CHING HI KWONG is a real man, and cares to call at the *China Mail* office, he will learn more about the matter he has written about. He has been grossly misinformed. For one thing, the fact that the paragraph in question was *in type before that "meeting" took place* must considerably modify his view. The Adversarian had never heard anything whatever of the V.R.C. incident until the evening of 14th inst.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

CHINA STATION FLEET.

LONDON, April 13th.

The *Times'* announcement of the appointment of Rear-Admiral Borrett as Senior Naval Officer on the Yangtse indicates a reduction of the establishment of officers of Flag and Commodore's rank in China. When the present organisation was approved a year ago for the post-war fleet in China it was probably expected that a large force will be maintained in these waters, as for example, the battle-cruiser *New Zealand* was mentioned as the future flagship on the conclusion of her Empire tour with Lord Jellicoe, but she has not been allocated to this duty in the Appendix showing the new fleet organisation issued with Mr. Churchill's Memorandum on the Navy Estimates.

There is, of course, no question of any breach of faith on the subject. Although the Imperial Defence Conference of 1909 decided that the *New Zealand* should be stationed in China waters, it was announced by Mr. Churchill in March, 1913 that, in response to the suggestion of the Admiralty, the Government of New Zealand had agreed to the ship being stationed wherever the Imperial Government considered her services most valuable, and she was, consequently, attached to the First Battle-Cruiser Squadron in the North Sea.

The strength of the fleet at the China station, as revised, is thus numerically very similar to that of 1914, namely, thirty-nine pennants as compared with thirty-six before the war.

After June 5th the only difference from the pre-war organisation of commands will be the employment of a Rear-Admiral on the Yangtse instead of a Captain.

REVOLUTION IN GUATEMALA.

WASHINGTON, April 13th.

A revolution has broken out in Guatemala, the opponents of President Cabrera having gained control of Guatemala city after street fighting.

The United States cruiser *Tacoma* has landed marines to protect foreign interests.

WASHINGTON, April 15th.

A message from Guatemala, says that many non-combatants were killed by the shell-fire of Cabrera's forces which are bombarding the city since Thursday. The city is undefended, except for volunteers armed with rifles. Cabrera's troops are entrenched at La Palma.

Another telegram states that the Cabrera Government has been overthrown, and Carlos Herrerra has been made President.

GERMAN VESSELS SOLD.

WASHINGTON, April 15th.

All German vessels taken over by the Government in war-time have been sold to private interests.

The Shipping Board has sold 28 vessels for $21,751,068, including eleven ex-German vessels, in the week ending April 10th.

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, April 12th.

A Havas message says:—

M. Leon Bourgeois presided yesterday in Paris at the fourth sitting of the League of Nations.

The French papers and official circles are confident in an early accord being reached with the British. Conciliatory Notes exchanged, yesterday, between London and Paris may bring the difficulty to an end. The text of the British Note has been published. It is intimated that the only point on which Great Britain now requires assurance is whether France will agree in future to submit her plans to the Allied Governments. The French Government is confident that a close perusal of the diplomatic correspondence between the Allied Governments will prove that ample notice of France's intentions was given before the signal for advance was sent to General Degoutte's troops.

Lord Derby, the British Ambassador in Paris, attended a session of the Council of Ambassadors held yesterday at the Quai d'Orsay, M. Jules Cambon presiding.

The officials consider that the cloud of disturbed international relations has passed away. The Entente Cordiale between the Powers is as strong and effective as during the war.

Lord Derby had an interview with M. Millerand. The French Premier assured him that the French troops will retire from the occupied towns when the Germans have withdrawn their surplus troops from the Ruhr area.

M. Millerand had an interview, yesterday, with President Deschanel and made a statement, this afternoon, in the Chamber of Deputies.

RAILWAY STRIKE IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, April 13th.

The strength of the "outlaw" Unions is waning in the Central States and the Far West, but the ranks of the strikers on the Atlantic seaboard have increased and are threatening completely to paralyse passenger as well as goods traffic.

PITTSBURG, April 13th.

An absolute embargo on freight shipments has been announced by the Pennsylvania Railway.

WASHINGTON, April 13th.

In the Senate Senator Poindexter has introduced a Bill making all persons advising or requesting others to join strikes or interfering with inter-State commerce liable to imprisonment for 10 years or a fine of $10,000. The measure has been referred to the Inter-State Committee.

PRO-IRISH DEMONSTRATION.

WASHINGTON, April 13th.

Altogether ten women have been arrested for picketing at the British Embassy. They will be tried by the Federal Grand Jury.

REBEL KURDS, NOT ARABS, GUILTY.

ROME, April 15th.

A message from Bagdad of April 11th says that Captain Ianza, who was flying to Bagdad, was shot down by rebel Kurds, not Arabs, fifty kilometres from Alleppo. The pilot was not injured, but was taken prisoner and liberated after three days fighting by the Arabs, who recaptured the machine which was slightly damaged.

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PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS MR. LAMONT.

PEKING, April 14.

The President entertained Mr. Lamont, the American financier, at tiffin-to-day.

ARRIVAL OF THE NEW BRITISH MINISTER.

PEKING, April 14.

Mr. Beilby Alston, H.B.M.'s Minister, arrived to-day and was met by Diplomats and Chinese officials.

SAN MEN ISLANDS TO BE DEVELOPED.

PEKING, April 14.

A mandate is to be issued shortly declaring the San Men Islands, off Chekiang, a special administrative area to be developed by Chinese merchants of foreign experience.

SIX HUNDRED STUDENTS DEMAND TO BE TRIED.

PEKING, April 14.

The trial of students (arrested many weeks ago in connection with certain demonstrations in the capital) commenced yesterday in the High Court. Six hundred students attended *en masse* and demanded to be tried, like their colleagues, as equally guilty.

The Court issued a proclamation to-day that such a request could not be entertained.

TRADE MARK CASE

Mr. H. L. Dennys appeared before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning, in connection with the case in which Messrs. W. R. Loxley and Co., sued two Chinese for infringing on their "five pointed star" trade mark, which were used on some boxes of soap sold by the defendants. Counsel said that since the summons was issued, the defendants had given him full information as to where they got the goods from, and had revealed to him the source of distribution of the soap. As the defendants have undertaken not to sell any more goods under the trade-mark, and were agreeable that the four boxes of soap seized by the Police should be handed over to the complainants, he did not wish to press the charge. He asked for permission to withdraw the charges against the defendants; and also applied for an order for the goods seized by the Police to be handed over to the complainant firm.

His Worship said that as he did not try the case, he could not make an order.

Mr. Dennys said he did not think the complainants would have much trouble in getting the goods transferred to them.

His Worship said Mr. Dennys could get a further remand if he wanted.

Mr. Dennys said he would rather not, as he would like the defendants to have their bail back. He did not want this charge to hang over the defendants' heads much longer than he could help it. With his Worship's consent, he would withdraw the charges against them.

His Worship agreed, and discharged the defendants.

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SPORTS.

CRICKET.

I.R.C. v. C.S.C.C.

The following will represent the I.R.C. in a friendly match against the C.S.C.C. on the former's ground at 2.15 p.m. to-morrow:—A. el Arculli, G. C. Earde, S. H. Ismail, S. D. Ismail N. M. Bux, S. M. Moosa, R. Nazarin, A. R. M. Samy, O. Rumjahn, O. Ismail, and B. A. Hyder.

C.S.C.C. "A" TEAM *v.* I.R.C. "A."

The following will represent the C.S.C.C. Club on Civil Service ground at 2 p.m., on Saturday next:—R. T. Taylor (Capt.), F. Bacon, F. S. Burden, E. T. Crocker, A. R. Duncan, E. C. Fincher, S. Hamer, G. H. Haskett, V. M. Hast, G. T. Knight and H. W. Sandford.

FOOTBALL.

NAVY *v.* ARMY.

The following have been selected to represent the Royal Navy to-morrow in their match against the Army, at 4.30 p.m. on the Club ground:—Hayward (Tamar); Beard and Turner (Cairo); Garside (Titania); McGann (Titania, Capt.), and Niles (Fame); Hendry (Titania), Handford (Tamar) Matthews (Cadmus), Handford (Cadmus), and Innes (Fame). Reserves, McInnes (Cairo), and Kenedge (Titania). Referee, J. Cosker.

The following is the Army team:—Dr. Green, (Wilts.) Gr. Frampton, (R.G.A.), and Corpl. Hopper, (R.A.S.C.); Corpl. Gordon, (Wilts.), Gnr. Henwood, (R. G. A.), Lt. Donovan, (R.G.A.); Pte. Walker, (Wilts.), Bdr. Watson, (R.G.A.); Cpl. Merham, (Wilts.) Sergt. Townsend (R.E., Capt.) and Pte. Amor (Wilts.)

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THE SOCIAL EVIL.

A JAPANESE MOVEMENT.

CLEARANCE CAMPAIGN IN MALAYA.

It is the intention of Mr. H. Yamasaki, the Acting Consul-General for Japan at Singapore, to persuade all Japanese brothels and their inmates in the Peninsula to disengage their present occupation, chiefly through his influence and the endeavours of the local Japanese Societies and other bodies in the Peninsula will act under his instruction in this matter.

Mr. Yamasaki also intends that all those girls giving up their present occupation must return to Japan, except those who start decent and sound business, or become wives or maid-servants of good and trustworthy persons, and with the approval of the Japanese Consul which will be given upon the satisfactory assurances produced by their respective sureties, or promised husbands or employers.

The Japanese Societies and other bodies in various places in the Peninsula have started their work to advise the Japanese brothels and their inmates to give up their occupation as soon as possible, and they are instructed to send to the Japanese Consul-General the full report of each case of these brothels and their inmates. If thereby a brothel keeper or its inmates has difficulty to disengage her present business in the current year the Japanese Consul will decide how it be dealt with. In case of anyone who is not provided with means for making preparations or the passage to return to Japan, the Japanese Consul and the Japanese Societies concerned will act in the matter.

It is desired that the abolition of Japanese brothels and their inmates in general, may be effected by the end of this year; and so far, this movement is going on smoothly and satisfactorily.

But there are far distant places where Japanese girls are scattered in threes or fives about whom either the Japanese Consul or the local Japanese Societies practically find difficulty even to get information. It is expected that the brothels in Singapore will be closed down by the end of June.—*Straits Times.*

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TELEPHONES IN INDIA.

THE AUTOMATIC SYSTEM.

One of the most interesting features of telephone development is the extension of the use of the automatic system which enables subscribers to get into communication with each other without the intervention of the exchange. This system has long been in use in Simla, and it is now being installed in Lahore, but the difficulty of obtaining the necessary apparatus from Home stands in the way of its early application to other centres in India. The demand for automatic telephones, both in America and in Europe, is now enormous, partly owing to the high cost of labour, and it is estimated that over £100,000,000 will be spent on this development within the next few years, of which £7,000,000 will be expended in London alone. Hitherto the great corporation, which controls a large part of the American service, has stuck to the old system, but it has now been compelled to adopt automatic telephones. Telephone manufacturing concerns, both in America and England, are adding enormously to their instalment in order to meet the demand.

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On demand	201
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Wire	201
On demand	—
On Singapore—	
On demand	200
On Manila—	
On demand, ...	187
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London Bankers: The National Provincial & Union Bank of England Limited.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and Correspondents in the Bank on the Continent, in Great Britain, America, and Australia, and transacts banking business of every description.

J. F. VANDERES,
Manager.

Hongkong, Sept. 20, 1919.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:
15, Gracechurch Street, London E.C. 3.

Capital Authorised and Subscribed	£1,500,000
Paid-up	750,000
Reserve Fund and Rest ...	785,700
Reserve Liability of Shareholders	750,000

BANKERS:
The Bank of England.
The London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd.
BRANCHES:

Bombay	Hongkong	Kuala Lumpur	Rangoon
Calcutta	Howrah	Madras	Shanghai
Colombo	Kandy	New York	Singapore
Delhi	Karachi	Penang	
Galle	Kota Bharu	Port Louis (Mauritius)	

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates that may be ascertained on application.

C. L. SANDES,
Acting Manager.

7 Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, December 11, 1919.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG
ESTABLISHED 1912.

Paid-up Capital	$2,000,000
Reserves and Undivided Profits	500,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS Received.
INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 Months 3% per annum.
For 6 Months 4% per annum.
For 12 Months 4½% per annum.

LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 10, 1919.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

中國銀行

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917).

Authorised Capital	$60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	12,878,800.00
Reserve Funds.....	3,197,400.00

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

HONGKONG BRANCH: 20/21, Connaught Road, Central, Branches and Sub-branches all over China and Correspondents in San Francisco, Singapore and Tokyo.

London Bankers:—The National Provincial and Union Bank of England Ltd.

New York Bankers:—Irving Trust Company.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits.

Terms on application.

Every description of Banking Business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Special facilities for Home Exchange.

Interest on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

For 3 months—3% per annum
For 6 months—4% per annum
For 12 months—5% per annum

TSUYEE FEI,
Manager.

Hongkong, January 24, 1920.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.,

(TAIWAN GINKO).

INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER, 1899.

Capital Subscribed ...	Yen 60,000,000.
Capital (Paid-up) ...	,, 37,500,000.
Reserve Funds ...	,, 7,030,000.

HEAD OFFICE:
TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES:
JAPAN—Tokio, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Moji.
FORMOSA—Giran, Kagi, Karenko, Keelung, Makung, Nanto, Pinan, Shinchiku, Taichu, Tainan, Takow, Tamsui, Tohyen, Ako.
CHINA—Shanghai, Hankow, Kiukiang, Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Canton, &c.
OTHERS—Bangkok, Hongkong, Singapore, Soerabaya, Semarang, Batavia, Bombay, London, New York.

LONDON BANKERS:
London County Westminster and Parr's Bank.

The Bank has Correspondents in the Commercial Centres in European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tsingtao, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java, and other Dutch Indies, Australia, America, Africa, &c.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts, and Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on application.

SEIZO KONDOH,
Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH:
1, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, November 1, 1919.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ...	£2,000,000
RESERVE FUND	£3,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ...	£2,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

J. L. CROCKATT
Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1920.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 2 Queen's Road Central.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, ...	$2,000,000.00
RESERVE FUND, ...	900,000.00

DIRECTORS:
Mr. Fung Wai Ting.—Chairman.
Mr. Chow Shou Chi, | Mr. Kan Ying Fu,
Mr. Li Koon Chan, | Mr. Mok Ching Kong,
Mr. Fung Ping Shan, | Mr. Wong Yan Tong,
Mr. P. K. Kwok, | Mr. Chan Ching Shuk,
Mr. Ng Chang-Lok.

CHIEF MANAGER..... Kan Tong Po, Esq.
ASST. MANAGER Li Tse Fong, Esq.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.
Interest allowed on Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of TWO per cent. per annum and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—
For 3 months at the rate of 3% per annum.
For 6 months at the rate of 4% per annum.
For 12 months at the rate of 5% per annum.

KAN TONG PO
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 13, 1920.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE

(FRENCH BANK).

HEAD OFFICE:
15bis Rue Laffite, Paris

Capital	Frs. 48,000,000
Reserves.....	,, 50,000,000

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

BANGKOK	HAIPHONG	SAIGON	
BATAVIA	HONGKONG	SHANGHAI	
CANTON	HOUMEN	SINGAPORE	
DJIBOUTI	PAKHOI	TIENTSIN	
HAIPHONG	PEKING	TOURANE	
HANKOW	PNOM-PENH	VLADIVOSTOCK	
HANOI	PONDICHERY		

BANKERS:
IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais, Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industrial et Commercial; Société Generale.
IN LONDON: The National Provincial & Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.
IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangements.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

L. BERINDOAGUE,
Manager.

Hongkong, Dec. 1, 1919.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL	Yen 100,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL.....	,, 61,000,000
RESERVE FUND	,, 44,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES AT

BATAVIA	NEWCHWANG
BOMBAY	NEW YORK
BUENOS AYRES	OSAKA
CALCUTTA	PEKIN
CHANGCHUN	RANGOON
DAIREN (DAIRY)	SAN FRANCISCO
FENGTIEN (MUKDEN)	SEATTLE
HANKOW	SHANGHAI
HONGKONG	SINGAPORE
KAI YUEN	SOERABAYA
KOBE	SYDNEY
LONDON	TIENTSIN
LOS ANGELES	TOKYO
LYONS	TSINANFU
MANILA	VLADIVOSTOCK
NAGASAKI	TSINGTAU

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

G. HASHIZUME,
Manager.

Hongkong, March 15, 1920.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE CO.

WHICH ARE VESTED THE SHARES OF

THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

AND

THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE CO.

TOTAL Funds at 31st December, 1918 $33,970,267.

I—Authorised Capital	$2,000,000
Subscribed Capital	$1,500,000
Paid-up Capital	$1,425,000
II—Fire Funds.....	2,527,443
III—Life & Annuity Funds ...	17,567,886
Sinking Fund Account	158,619
	$23,678,948
Revenue Fire Branch.....	$1,281,0[illegible]
,, Life and Annuity Branches	3,141,5[illegible]
Revenue Marine Department ...	337,[illegible]
Other Receipts	478,9[illegible]
	$5,239,[illegible]

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and, by Act of Parliament, are set aside for the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

SHIPS DUE TO ARRIVE.

FROM EUROPE.

The s.s. TEUCER, due here Apr. 23 from Europe, and sail for Yokohama via Tsingtao, Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe, Apr. 24.

The s.s. LAERTES, due here Apr. 28 from Europe and sails for Shanghai Apr. 29.

The s.s. EURYADES, due here May 1st from Europe and sails for Japan via Tsingtao May 2.

The s.s. TYDEUS, due here May 1st from Europe and sails for Japan via Shanghai May 2.

The s.s. IDOMENUS, due here May 12th, and sails for Shanghai May 13.

The s.s. TEIRASIAS, due here May 16th, and sails for Shanghai May 17.

The s.s. TALTHYBIUS, due here May 25th, and sails for Japan, May 26.

The s.s. HELENUS, due here May 27th, and sails for Japan via Shanghai, May 28.

The s.s. AGAPENOR, due here May 31st, and sails for Japan, June 1.

The s.s. PAK LING, due here June 9th, and sails for Japan, June 10.

The s.s. DEUCALION, due here June 12th, and sails for Shanghai, June 13.

FROM AMERICA.

The s.s IXION, left Seattle Mar. 11 and is due here via Tsingtao, Japan and Manila, April 20.

The s.s. PROTESILAUS, left Seattle April 3rd, and is due here via Yokohama, and Kobe May 3.

The s.s. VENEZUELA, left San Francisco Apr. 3, and is due here via Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Manila, May 12.

The s.s. ECUADOR, leaves San Francisco May 1st, and is due here, via Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Manila, June 9.

The s.s. TYNDAREUS, leaves Seattle May 12th, due here, via Yokohama, Kobe and Manila, June 13.

FROM MANILA.

The s.s. IXION, leaves Manila Apr. 18 and is due here Apr. 20.

The s.s. PROTESILAUS, leaves Manila May 7 and is due here May 9.

The s.s. TYNDAREUS, leaves Manila June 11th due here June 13th and leaves for Seattle, via Kobe and Yokohama, June 21.

FROM JAPAN.

The s.s. GREGORY APCAR, left Kobe Apr. 10 and is due here v'a Moji Apr. 16.

The s.s. LYCAON, left Yokohama Mar. 27 and is due here via Kobe and Shanghai Apr. 12, sailing for London via Singapore April 13.

The s.s. ST. ALBANS, leaves Kobe Apr. 20 and is due here via Moji Apr. 26.

The s.s. NORE, leaves Yokohama Apr. 14 and is due here via Kobe, Moji and Shanghai Apr. 26.

The s.s. MENTOR, left Yokohama Apr. 16th and is due here via Kobe and Shanghai Apr. 26th, sails for London, Amsterdam and Antwerp, via Singapore, April 27.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.N.C. s.s. *Suiyang* left Shanghai on the 13th inst. instant and is due at Hongkong on the 16th inst.

The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Empress of Asia*, arrived at Kobe on the 14th April, left there on the 15th April and is due at Yokohama on the 16th April.

The P. & O.-B.I. & A.L. s.s. *Madras* left Moji for this Port on the 13th instant at p.m. and is due here on the 17th instant at about evening.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Rangoon Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Moji for this port on the 13th April and is expected here on the 18th April.

The Ben Line s.s. *Benlecch* from Antwerp and Leith, left Singapore for this port on the 14th inst. and may be expected to arrive here on or about 20th April.

The R.M.S. s.s. *Monteagle* arrived at Yokohama on April 9th left there April 9th and is due at Vancouver on April 23.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Suwa Maru* (Australian Line) left Kobe for this port via Manila on the 11th April and is expected here on the 24th April.

The American & Manchurian Line s.s. *Kazembe* left Singapore for Manila on the 13th April and may be expected here on the 25th instant.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Kitano Maru* (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 20th March and is expected here on the 26th April.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tenshe Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon and Singapore, on the 9th April and is expected here on the 29th April.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Inaba Maru* (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 9th April and is expected here on the 19th May.

LIST OF PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

April, 16.

Per s.s. *Khiva* for Hongkong: from Kobe, Yong Yick Gau, from Yokohama, Mr. A. C. Martin; from Shanghai, Capt. A. E. Adam, Lt. T. C. McBride, Lt. J. G. R. Devenish, Lt. P. P. Hargreaves, Capt. E. J. Maxwell, Capt. F. C. Cameron, Capt. H. S. Cousens, Capt. A. J. Ireland, Lt. G. A. Musitano, C.S.M. H. C. Aylett, C.Q.M.S. J. Henderson, Sgt. A. Henny, Sgt. Maj. C. Etherington, Sgt. A. Simmons, Pte. J. H. Vickers, Pte J. Fahay, C.S.M. C. Campbell, Sgt. C. H. Edwards, Sgt. H. C. Davis, Sgt. A. L. Cole, Driver P. Kelly, Pte. H. P. Lemesurier, Sgt. P. Webster, Sgt. G. T. Colborne, Sgt. C. T. Watson, Sgt. J. B. Marrow, Dr. and Mrs. E. V. Cowdry, Mrs. C. M. Bernie and Amah, Mr. T. Sequeland, Mr. C. L. Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. H. Warman.

WEATHER REPORT.

April 16d. 12h. 10m.—No returns from Japan, Wladivostock and Indo-China.

Pressure changes are small; a weak anticyclone is indicated over the lower Yangtse Valley.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.34 inch; total since January 1st, 6.98 inches, against an average of 8.66 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 17th.

1.—Hongkong to Gap. Rock. N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

APRIL 16, 1920.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Vl'divostock	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nemuro	5 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodate	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ishi'jima	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bonin Island	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weihaiwei	8 a.	30.07	44	60	SW	1	b
Hankow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	"	30.08	48	85	WNW	1	o
Gutzlaff	"	30.03	52	88	NW	1	o
Sharp Pk.	7 a.	29.94	52	60	—	0	b
Amoy	6 a.	29.97	63	91	W	2	o
Swatow	"	*30.00	66	79	NE	1	o
Taihoku	"	29.99	64	93	ENE	2	o
Taichu	"	29.91	63	—	NNE	2	o
Tainan	"	29.94	64	—	N	2	of
Koshun	"	29.93	70	—	—	0	o
Pescadores	"	29.98	66	—	NNE	4	bf
Canton	"	29.98	69	95	NNE	2	o
Hongkong	"	29.86	69	94	E	1	odf
Gap Rock	"	29.94	—	—	ENE	4	o
Kacao	"	29.93	63	92	N	4	o
Wuchow	9 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	7 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tourane	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
C. St. James	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Aparri	6 a.	29.88	77	91	ENE	4	b
Dagupan	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	"	29.86	69	79	SE	1	o
Legaspi	"	29.87	78	84	NE	2	b
Tacloban	"	29.87	75	94	W	2	b
Iloilo	"	29.82	77	89	N	4	o
Surigao	"	29.84	76	94	—	0	o
Guam	4.20	29.85	—	—	NE	2	b
Labuan	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—

T. F. CLAXTON, *Director*.

Hongkong Observatory, April 16, 1920.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degress Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufford Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squal, r rain, s snow t thunder v visibility w dew, wet

7. RAIN in inches tenths and hundredth.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet inches below mean sea-level

To obtain the depth of water on the side gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

April 17 to 23, 1920.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water: Hongkong Mean Time	Height	Low Water: Hongkong Mean Time	Hours.
		h. m	feet	h. m	feet
Sat.	17	m 6 7	6.1	m 0 10	1.9
Sun	18	" 6 28	6.5	" 0 33 a	2.0
		" 6 51 a	6.1	m 1 45	3.0
Mon.	19	m 7 15	7.0	" 2 14 a	3.4
		m 10 13 a	5.8	m 2 13	2.2
Tues.	20	m 7 43	7.4	" 3 56 a	2.9
		" 11 0 a	5.4	m 3 41	2.4
Wed.	21	m 10 27	7.5	" 4 58 a	0.7
				m 4 14	2.7
Thur.	22	m 0 12	5.0	" 5 27 a	0.7
		m 11 0	7.4	m 5 46	2.0
Fri.	23	m 1 14	6.6	" 6 25 a	0.3
		m 11 57	7.3	m 6 21	2.4
				" 7 33 a	2.1

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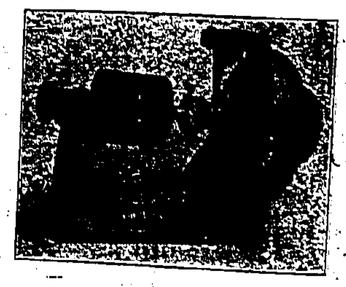
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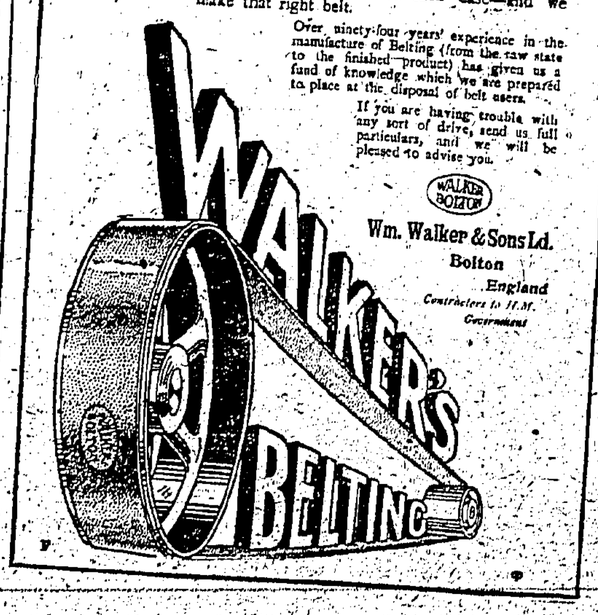
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INWARD MAILS.

SATURDAY, April 17.
Japan—Per MADRAS.
Manila—Per WEST NIGAR.
SUNDAY, April 18.
Japan—Per RANGOON MARU.
MONDAY, April 19.
Shanghai—Per SUNNING.
SATURDAY, April 24.
U.S.A., Japan and Manila—Per SUWA MARU.
MONDAY, April 26.
Straits—Per KITANO MARU.

OUTWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, April 16.
*Swatow — Per YANGTZEKIANG, 5 p.m.
*Straits, *Bangkok, *Ceylon, *Mauritius, *L. Marquis, *South Africa *India via Dhanushkodi, Bombay and Aden—Per BURMA MARU, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per YUNNAN, 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, April 17.
*Shanghai and *North China — Per SIERRA VEUTANA, 8 a.m.
*Swatow and *Bangkok—Per HUPEH, 9 a.m.
Java and Port Moresby via Batavia—Per TJIBODAS, 10 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marquis, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via MARSEILLES—KHIVA, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 16th, April at 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 2 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per CHENAN, 3 p.m.
SUNDAY, April 18.
*Swatow and *Straits — Per LINAN, 9 a.m.
Haiphong—Per KAIFONG, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung — Per KAIJO MARU, 9 a.m.
MONDAY, April 19.
Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America and *EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—Per PERSIA MARU, Registration 8.30 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.
Japan via Kobe and *Seattle—Per WEST IVAN, 10 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta and Aden—Per MADRAS, 11 a.m.
TUESDAY, April 20.
*Swatow and *Bangkok—Per LUCHOW, 9 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, L. Marques, India via Dhanushkodi, Bombay and Aden—Per DILWARA, 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAICHING, Noon.
Amoy, Shanghai and *North China—Per SUIYANG, 3 p.m.
THURSDAY, April 22.
Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 11 a.m.
Tientsin—Per HUICHOW, 11 a.m.
FRIDAY, April 23.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per MORIALTA, Noon.
SATURDAY, April 24.
Shanghai and North China — Per TEAN, 3 p.m.
SUNDAY, April 25.
Straits Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marquis, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via MARSEILLES—Per YOKOHAMA MARU. Registration 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.
TUESDAY, April 27.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per KITANO MARU, 10 a.m.
FRIDAY, April 30.
Philippine Islands, Australia, and New Zealand via THURSDAY ISLAND—Per NIKKO MARU, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marquis, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via MARSEILLES—Per TAMBA MARU. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

ARRIVALS.

April 16.

The s.s. SADO MARU, Jap., 3,631 tons, from Singapore, Capt. Tanaka, N.Y.K., Kowloon.

The s.s. YACHUJO MARU, Jap., 784 tons, from Chin Wan Tao, Capt. Yoshita, Dodwell, C34.

The s.s. KAIFONG, Brit., 987 tons, from Hoihow, Capt. Jones, B. & S., C47.

The s.s. KHIVA, Brit., 5,703 tons, from Shanghai, Capt. Potter, M. M. & Co., A1.

The s.s. WOLLOWRA, Brit., 1,677 tons, from Keelung, Capt. Maxwell, Carroll Bros. B11.

CLEARANCES.

April 16.

The s.s. KHIVA, (Brit.), cleared to-day and will sail for London via Singapore at noon to-morrow.

The s.s. YUNNAN, (Brit.), cleared to-day and will sail for Shanghai at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. DOYLESTOWN, (Amer.), cleared to-day and will sail for Calcutta via Singapore at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. BURMA MARU, (Jap.), cleared to-day and will sail for Bombay via Singapore at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. SIERRA VENTANA, (Fr.), cleared to-day and will sail for Shanghai at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

DEPARTURES.

April 16.

The s.s. WINGHANG, (Chi.), Capt. Cordova, Agents Fat Hing S.S., left for Kwong Chow Wan to-day.

The s.s. CHIPSHING, (Brit.), Capt. Matthews, Agents J. M. & Co., left for Canton to-day.

The s.s AKI MARU, (Jap.), Capt. Shibata, Agents N.Y.K., left for Yokohama via Nagasaki to-day.

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